

Eban gives UN ten peace options

From our Correspondent—United Nations

There is an apparent hope within the Israeli delegation to the 26th General Assembly of the United Nations that a major debate on the Middle East can be avoided, but the general consensus of opinion here, including the British mission, is that this is whistling in the dark. The British believe that there will be a major debate and they hope that its outcome "will be constructive."

Be that as it may, other, more pressing problems, such as the representation of Communist China, have put the Middle East in a secondary position this year compared with previous years, so the General Assembly is unlikely to discuss the subject until the middle of November.

Israel's Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, who is again chairman of his country's delegation and is now in New York, will have returned home before then, but expects to come back again in November.

Israel's feeling that there should be no debate is predicated on the fact that there is no real urgency in the Middle East situation, as there was last year at this time. Then, the ceasefire was fragile, and had, in fact, been violated, and there was widespread doubt whether it could be stabilised.

Mr. Eban, in his speech to the General Assembly yesterday (Thursday) outlined some ten peace options. If Egypt wants to say "No" to any or all of them, that is up to Cairo, one Israeli source said.

The source added: "It is high time to state options for peace." None of Mr. Eban's would require Egypt or the other Arab States to

give up their positions in advance, as Egypt wants Israel to do. Meanwhile, Mr. Eban has been busy holding talks with other Foreign Ministers here for the General Assembly, explaining what has been happening in the Middle East since last year's debate, which resulted in a strong anti-Israel resolution. This had no effect and no one now refers to it.

Sadat to visit Moscow

Cairo

President Sadat will visit Moscow during the first half of October at the invitation of the central committee of the Soviet Communist Party, according to an official announcement issued here on Monday.

The announcement came at a time of fresh tension along the Suez Canal after Egyptian-Israeli exchanges of missile fire.

Likely topics for the Moscow talks are Soviet defence aid for Egypt, Soviet-Egyptian relations after the abortive Communist coup in Sudan, and the prospects of a new Arab federation of Egypt, Libya and Sudan. (Reuters)

Sir Alec's move

By our Diplomatic Correspondent

The establishment of a better framework for the Jarring mission was suggested this week by Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the Foreign Secretary, to Mr. Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, at their meeting in New York, where they are attending the UN General Assembly.

Sir Alec returned from his Cairo visit convinced that more effective and less indirect contact should be established between Israel and Egypt and that Mr. Jarring should take steps to facilitate them.

He believes that while Israel wants peace, her lack of contact with Egypt and a mutual lack of confidence between the two sides are still the main obstructions.

Sir Alec supports the Egyptian view that Israel's withdrawal from the Canal zone should be followed by withdrawal on a larger scale.

Last week he gave his impressions of his Cairo visit to Mr. Michael Comay, the Israeli Ambassador in London whom he had called for a meeting.

Jerusalem resolution rejected

From our Correspondent

Israel will not negotiate with any political grouping on the basis of Saturday's Security Council resolution on Jerusalem, the Israeli Cabinet decided on Sunday.

After Mrs. Golda Meir, the Premier, had reported on recent political developments concerning Jerusalem, the Cabinet took the stand that the Council's decision had no justification.

A Cabinet statement issued afterwards stressed that Israel's policy on Jerusalem would remain unchanged; that Israel would continue the development of the city for the benefit of all its inhabitants; and that she would preserve the religious rights of all communities, maintain the Holy places and ensure free access to them for all faiths.

This policy, the Cabinet stated, had helped the development of fruitful relations among all parts of the population of Jerusalem.

Political observers said that if the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, decided to send a mission to investigate the position in the Israeli capital, Israel would be likely to refuse it permission to enter the country. (UN debate, page 2.)

Two standards

From our Correspondent New York

American Jewish lay and rabbinic leaders, representing the three Orthodox, Conservative and Reform trends of Judaism, have charged Christian groups with applying double standards in dealing with Jerusalem and cautioned that this seriously threatens the future of inter-religious relations.

A special assembly of the Synagogue Council of America heard its president, Rabbi Irving Lehman, of Miami Beach, announce that he had issued invitations to American Catholic, Protestant and Moslem leaders to "discuss our respective associations with the Holy City."

Avner hears complaints

From our Correspondent Tel Aviv

Israelis can now seek redress from an official. Since Wednesday of last week, Mr. Gershon Avner, the director of the Public Complaints Commission, has already received a number of complaints against Government bureaucracy.

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, said in a message that the way was open for every citizen who felt he had a justified complaint to have it examined quickly.

Mr. Avner, a former ambassador, presides over a staff of 20 which operates as a new unit in the offices of Dr. Itzhak Nechama, the State Comptroller, who is ex officio the Complaints Commissioner.

Kidnap in Lebanon

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Mr. Albert Elia, the 67-year-old leader of the Jewish community in Lebanon for 40 years, was kidnapped a few weeks ago by Arab terrorists belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

A visitor to Beirut who has just returned to London reports that Mr. Elia had lived under terrorist threats for three years. They seemed him of helping Jews to leave Syria for Lebanon or other countries and of being a "Zionist."

Mr. Elia, who has always been highly respected by the Lebanese authorities, has been in poor health for some time, and urgently needs drugs and skilled medical attention if he is to survive.

A PLO spokesman has denied that it is responsible for the kidnapping of Mr. Elia, but Lebanese



Wild West decor in an Israeli Army canteen in northern Israel. Cowboys may prefer hard liquor, Israeli soldiers said.

U Thant helped Jews to leave Russia

From our Correspondent—

U Thant, stung by the widespread and frequently violent criticism within the American Jewish community that neither he nor the United Nations in general is, or has been, doing anything about the plight of Soviet Jewry, has taken the unusual step of revealing what he has done, and taking credit for some successes.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the "UN We Believe" organisation at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, last Friday, the UN Secretary-General said that in the course of the past two years he had received appeals, "individually or collectively, from some 800 persons" in the Soviet Union, who have expressed a wish to emigrate.

"Last month," he continued, "I

was gratified to have officially taken more than 800 appellants on my list in Israel. It was my intention to make it public during the Secretary-General's term, but the erroneous impression given that the world is not concerned with Jews, that nothing is

Services at Worms

From our Correspondent

For the first time since the Second World War, Holy-day services were conducted at Worms Synagogue.

The original synagogue was destroyed by the Nazis in 1938. It was rebuilt after the war and is now a place of worship for the Jewish community in Worms.

CALENDAR

Friday, October 1 (1st day of Sukkot)

Saturday, October 2 (2nd day of Sukkot)

Sunday, October 3 (3rd day of Sukkot)

Monday, October 4 (4th day of Sukkot)

Tuesday, October 5 (5th day of Sukkot)

Wednesday, October 6 (6th day of Sukkot)

Thursday, October 7 (7th day of Sukkot)

Friday, October 8 (8th day of Sukkot)

Saturday, October 9 (9th day of Sukkot)

Sunday, October 10 (10th day of Sukkot)

Monday, October 11 (11th day of Sukkot)

Tuesday, October 12 (12th day of Sukkot)

Wednesday, October 13 (13th day of Sukkot)

Thursday, October 14 (14th day of Sukkot)

Friday, October 15 (15th day of Sukkot)

Saturday, October 16 (16th day of Sukkot)

Sunday, October 17 (17th day of Sukkot)

Monday, October 18 (18th day of Sukkot)

Tuesday, October 19 (19th day of Sukkot)

Wednesday, October 20 (20th day of Sukkot)

Thursday, October 21 (21st day of Sukkot)

Friday, October 22 (22nd day of Sukkot)

Saturday, October 23 (23rd day of Sukkot)

Sunday, October 24 (24th day of Sukkot)

Monday, October 25 (25th day of Sukkot)

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Steps up pressure

From CHARLES FENYVESI—Washington and RICHARD YAFFE—United Nations

Israel has begun a new campaign to force Israel into giving up its position on an interim Suez agreement. This became clear from Monday's UN speech by Mr. Rogers, the Secretary of State (see page 3). Washington had to recognise a link between a Suez agreement and Mr. Rogers' plan to give up her demand for a lengthy ceasefire

within the framework of the Canal and to substantially more than a change of Egyptian troops agreement has been

pressing Israel and which is using Phantom jet supplies as well as the UN General Assembly session as leverage.

The visit to America this year or early in 1972 by Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, is still under discussion, but the Americans are less than enthusiastic about the public relations and diplomatic prospects of the popular, articulate Premier appealing directly to President Nixon and the American people on Phantoms. Last week Mr. Rogers and Mr. Joseph Sisco, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near East affairs, delivered a

polite "No" on the subject in a two-minute discussion with Mr. Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister.

Washington is also unenthusiastic about the prospect of Mrs. Meir's appeal against the "Islamic" tactics of USA diplomacy, which seeks to slice off piece by piece Israel's solid block of resistance to the 1969 Rogers plan.

The mood in the American and Israeli camps here is reminiscent of that after Mr. Rogers' speech of December 9, 1969 when, after many months of artful dodging and press leaks, Mr. Rogers decided on a collision course with Israel by putting on record specific details of America's positions on peace between Egypt and Israel and Jordan and Israel.

There was nothing really new in either of Mr. Rogers' speeches except the fact that he chose to declare to the world as official USA policy the Rogers plan.

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Wilson holds out hope for Ruth

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Following his recent talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow, Mr. Harold Wilson, the Labour Party leader, is apparently hoping that the Soviet Government may make some concessions to imprisoned Russian Jews.

When Mr. Wilson met Mr. Israel Yehiyahu, the general secretary of the Israel Labour Party, who has been attending the British Labour Party conference in Brighton, on Monday, he referred to his talks on Russian Jews. He is reported to have remarked that, after discussion with Mr. Kosygin, the Soviet Premier, he was under the impression "that something would be done in some cases, including that of Ruth Alexandrovich."

Miss Alexandrovich was jailed for 12 months by a Riga court in May of this year.

Mrs Thatcher for Tel Aviv



From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the Secretary for Education and Science, will open the British agricultural and food processing exhibition in Tel Aviv on November 16. She will represent the British Government.

More than 50 firms will be showing their products at the exhibition. It has been organised by the British Department of Trade and Industry, and the British National Export Council.

'Israel is producing nuclear missiles'

From our Correspondent—New York

Israel is producing up to six new nuclear missiles a month, according to the New York Times. Called the "Jericho," the missile can carry a warhead weighing between 1,000 and 1,500 lb. and has a range of more than 800 miles, according to the paper.

Although American experts were far from certain that Israel had nuclear warheads, the New York Times said, several analysts suggested that the Jericho was too expensive to use as a delivery system for conventional high-explosive warheads.

Israel had repeatedly promised not to be the first country to use nuclear weapons in the Middle East. But the paper said that analysts believed that Israel might have a number of nuclear weapon components that could be assembled quickly in a crisis for use on the Jericho as well as on jet fighter-bombers.

Well-placed sources said that Israel began development of the Jericho about ten years ago. When the programme was in its infancy the French firm of Marcel Dassault reportedly suggested that if it were transferred to France for joint development an operational missile could be produced in about 18 months.

But development was far from successful by June, 1967, when the Six-Day War broke out and France

imposed her embargo on arms supplies to Israel, which still continues.

The Israelis then managed to obtain the French blueprints and resumed work on the missile on their own.

\$400,000 given

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A total of \$400,000 is estimated to have been donated to this year's Kol Nidre appeal for Israel, \$50,000 more than last year. At the 100 synagogues which have so far reported their totals about \$280,000 was raised.

Among United Synagogue congregations \$30,000 was contributed at St John's Wood and \$27,000 at Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Fuller details of amounts raised will appear next week.

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Part of the mosaic floor of a 5th-century synagogue excavated near the Shema in the Jordan Valley. The dig was conducted by members of the USA National Federation of Temple Youth (Liberal) in conjunction with the Israeli Department of Antiquities.

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ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

Riad rejects Eban's peace overture

From RICHARD YAFFE—United Nations

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Riad, has said "No" to a proposal by Mr Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister of Israel, that they meet here in New York to hammer out an interim agreement on the Suez Canal or, better still, a general peace settlement between their countries.

There was, however, widespread approval from many representatives at the United Nations General Assembly, including Foreign Ministers, for Mr Eban's proposals voiced in the general debate last week, and a number of delegates rose to shake his hand when he left the rostrum.

Mr Eban restated Israel's position under an interim settlement to reopen the Suez Canal in one of his "five roads to peace."

"Israel," he said, "would make a withdrawal of her forces from the water line (of the Canal) to an agreed distance. The fighting would not be resumed. Egypt would clear and operate the Canal."

"It would be agreed that there would be free passage for all ships and cargoes, including those of Israel. Effective and agreed supervision procedures would be established. Means of deterrence against the danger of violation would be assured."

"The agreement would stand on its own feet, but it would not affect or annul the undertakings which the parties gave in August, 1970, to hold discussions under Ambassador Jarring's auspices in conformity with his mandate under Security Council Resolution 242 (of November, 1967)."

"The line to be held by Israeli forces in accordance with this agreement would not be considered

final. When agreement on a final boundary is reached in the framework of the peace settlement, Israeli forces would withdraw from it."

Thus, neither Israel nor Egypt "would attain its final objective" in the interim framework. "But Egypt's right to present its claims in the over-all peace negotiations would remain intact, as would Israel's freedom to present its own proposals and reservations."

All this, he said, represented "far-reaching concessions on Israel's part... involves a movement from the ceasefire line ahead of peace." The benefits in prestige and toll collections would be Egypt's not Israel's.

And if a settlement could not be achieved "on such a clearly defined issue" in which the Egyptian benefits are so great, it would be even more difficult to achieve an over-all settlement.

Mr Eban's "second road to peace" was the Jarring mission. Explaining why the mission was in abeyance, he said that the difference between Israel and the Arabs was that the Arabs "rule out the free, precise and detailed negotiations of the boundary question," while Israel wants "secure, recognised and agreed boundaries"



Mr Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister (left), in conversation with U Thant, the United Nations Secretary-General (centre), and Mr Gunnar Jarring, the UN's special Middle East envoy, in New York

as the result of the peace-making process instead of ceasefire and armistice lines.

"It is important to break away from the temporary and unresolved territorial concepts which have prevailed since 1948 in order to develop for the first time a permanent structure of boundaries and security arrangements."

"Israel does not have a policy of expansion or annexation." In the negotiations on withdrawal his country will seek "those modifications which are essential to ensure security and to prevent another war."

Some "topographical and strategic situations" before the 1967 Six-Day War were "a permanent temptation to assault."

If they were not "corrected and adjusted" Israel would again find herself vulnerable. Mr Eban did not name the positions, but he was obviously referring to the Golan Heights and Sharm el Sheikh.

The third "road to peace" was a settlement of the refugee problem. Mr Eban proposed a confer-

ence of Middle Eastern States, together with the governments which have contributed to refugee relief and the UN specialised agencies to chart a five-year plan to solve the issue.

On the "fourth road," Mr Eban spoke of the need to set down "principles of peace." While the problems of security and boundaries were usually considered to be the crux of the negotiations there were other matters between Israel and the Arab States which required to be delineated.

It was on the "fifth road" that he proposed the meeting with Riad. He said he was "convinced that the strongest chance of breaking out of the deadlock lies in a transition to a rational negotiating procedure."

Mr Eban quoted approvingly the statement by the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, in the Assembly that "distrust of this depth cannot be easily removed by long-range correspondence" and that "those who are in confrontation must actively help to provide dialogue."

Dayan visit to USA

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Israel's Prime Minister, Mrs Golda Meir, has denied a newspaper report that she plans to visit the United States in December.

Despite this denial there is a firm belief in Jerusalem that Mrs Meir is considering a visit to Washington before the end of the year, the timing depending on the discussions now taking place with the USA on a possible interim Suez Canal agreement.

Mr Moshe Dayan, the Defence Minister, is expected to visit the United States next month. He has been invited to address meetings of the United Jewish Appeal and he will probably see Mr Melvyn Laird, the American Defence Secretary. He may also meet other senior members of the American Administration.

Tourists top 500,000

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

By the end of this week the number of tourists who will have visited Israel this year will have topped half a million.

Mr Yehuda Shari, Israel's Deputy Minister of Tourism, expects the total to reach 575,000 by the end of the year, while his Ministry is preparing for the arrival of some 850,000 visitors next year.

Earlier estimates predicted this number of tourists for 1970.

Mr Shari said this week that the calm on Israel's borders had been a factor in encouraging visitors, an increasing number of whom are coming from Europe.

More tourists arrived from France this year than from any other single European country—38,400 in all. This is a rise of 41 per cent over last year.

Home plea 'backward' step by Rogers to Israelis

From our Correspondent United Nations

Both in his address to the General Assembly of the United Nations and in his steps already taken towards peace in the Middle East—since later, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Britain's Foreign Secretary, said, "the Middle East problem among dangerous issues facing the UN today."

"If war is to be avoided," he said, "those who are in confrontation (Israel and the Arab States) must actively help to provide dialogue..."

"An interim arrangement... providing for phased withdrawal of Israeli forces and the opening of the Suez Canal, with a next and final stage of negotiations could serve to build confidence to prove to the parties ground that there is no gain by dialogue and no loss by war."

He still believed, Sir Alec Douglas-Home said, that Mr Gunnar Jarring's special envoy to the Middle East had a crucial role to play in the process of establishing peace.

But "whoever steps into the shoes of the late Sir Gunnar Jarring must be able to do so with a quickness that it has been and it must be at once."

When there is "between the parties of a scope it cannot be by long-distance correspondence. And the onus of adoption must rest with those who front each other," Sir Alec said.

At his press conference he was asked by your correspondent if he still saw a role for four powers (USA, UK, France and USSR).

"There may well be a role for them," he said. "You have to get a clearer first, a quicker tempo and closer range than is possible at the moment."

On the willingness and readiness of both sides, Sir Alec said, "the basis for a peace process has been laid."

Points have been already made within recent weeks. Sir Alec hoped that would not try to give flesh and blood to the Egyptians hoped for.

First, the relationship between Israel and Egypt, and the interim agreement and settlement. A Suez Canal agreement would be a step towards complete reconciliation of the two peoples in a reasonable period.

The second point was the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Sinai Peninsula with an end to the military presence on the east bank and also their "normal activities should be pursued in as much of the zone evacuated as possible."

The question of an Egyptian military presence was one on which Sir Alec said, "the Egyptian presence on the east bank and also their 'normal activities should be pursued in as much of the zone evacuated as possible.'"

The third point was the "zone of withdrawal." Mr Rogers believed it possible to meet the "principal concerns" of both sides regarding the "important strategic considerations" involved.

The "most significant aspect" of such an agreement might prove to be that it established the "principle of withdrawal looking to an over-all settlement as a fact rather than as a theory."

Mr Rogers mentioned no withdrawal line, but Mr Joseph Sisco, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near East affairs, has already suggested to Israel some 13 miles, which Israel has rejected.

The fourth point was the nature of supervisory arrangements, and here, too, Mr Rogers was sure that adequate machinery could be provided satisfactory to both sides.

The fifth, the "Egyptian presence east of Suez," was the greatest sticking point. Reopening the Suez Canal, Mr Rogers said, would require an Egyptian presence on the east bank and also their "normal activities should be pursued in as much of the zone evacuated as possible."

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Birthday tributes to Ben-Gurion



Mr Ben-Gurion with Mrs Golda Meir

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Many tributes were paid this week to Mr David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, who celebrated his 85th birthday on Wednesday (according to the Hebrew date).

He was visited at his Sde Boker home by President Shazar (who was 83 on Wednesday), Cabinet Ministers and members of the central committee of the Histadrut (Israel's Labour Federation).

Enjoying the manifold celebrations in his honour, the veteran Israeli statesman made two major speeches, one to the Association of Americans and Canadians and the other to the Congress of Engineers.

Later this month there will be a special session of the Knesset in Mr Ben-Gurion's honour and he will attend a number of city rallies to receive their tributes. The

birthday celebrations will last three months.

The national celebrations of Mr Ben-Gurion's birthday opened on Thursday of last week with a festive meeting of the Israel Labour Party's central committee headed by Mrs Golda Meir, the Prime Minister.

Mr Ben-Gurion declined Mrs Meir's invitation to join the Government.

Mr Yigal Allon, the Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister, visited Mr Ben-Gurion at his home recently for a meeting of reconciliation.

The two men had not met privately for a long time and it is understood that Mr Allon, the former Palmach commander, wanted to clear up misunderstandings before Mr Ben-Gurion celebrated his 85th birthday.

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Moscow cool to Cairo

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

The fact that President Sadat of Egypt is taking his War Minister and other defence advisers with him to Moscow on Sunday is seen here as supporting reports that Moscow has not been supplying the promised military equipment which Cairo expected.

This would be in keeping with information received here of a new low point in relations between Egypt and the Soviet Union which Sudan apparently hopes to patch up during his visit.

Sources in Jerusalem are at pains to emphasise, however, that a possible slow-down in Soviet supplies does not affect Egypt's war potential and is probably meant as a hint from the Russians to the Egyptians that they are dependent on the Kremlin's goodwill for their defence and attack capabilities.

These sources also underline that the fact of a low point in Moscow-Cairo relations is far from saying that there is an open breach between the two.

Meanwhile it is learned that work is still continuing on missile sites established close to the West Bank of the Suez Canal, but no new missiles have been placed in them.

Their purpose clearly is to give additional anti-aircraft cover for an Egyptian crossing of the Canal.

It is unlikely, according to experts, that missiles would be employed until the moment of such an offensive because the sites are within easy range of Israel's artillery.

Zealots attack policewoman

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Religious zealots here attacked, a lone policewoman, without provocation while she was walking through the Mea Shearim quarter on Saturday, after finishing her duties.

She was slightly injured by a stone thrown by one of the several dozen zealots surrounding her. Others, led by Rabbi Amram Blau, who attempted to leave the district to demonstrate in central Jerusalem against Sabbath traffic were turned back by the police.

The police, however, did not interfere with a lone zealot dressed in streimel and kapota who stood in the middle of the road at one of the city's main junctions, shouting "Shabbos, Shabbos" and hurled insults at passing motorists.

600,000,000 pills taken yearly

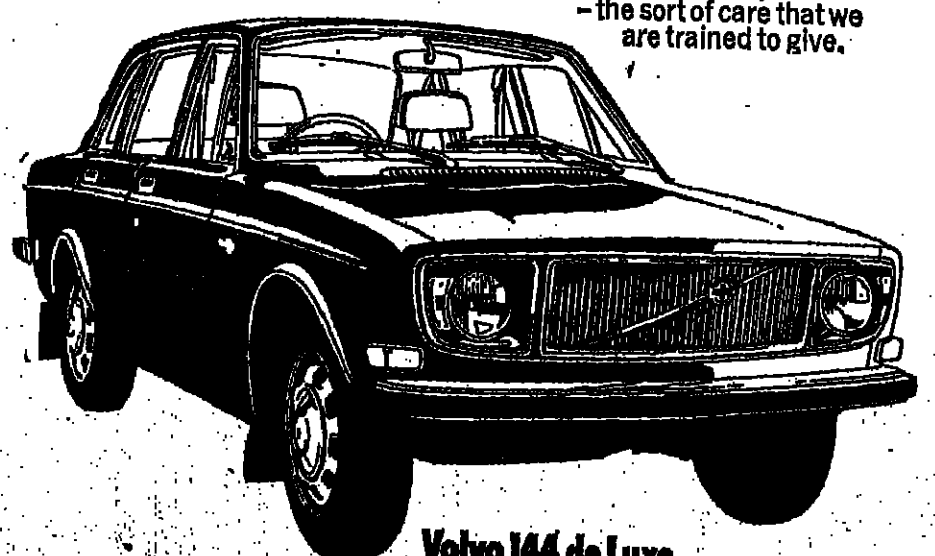
From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Some 600 million pills a year are taken by patients of Kupat Cholim (the Sick Fund of the Israeli Labour Federation). A leading specialist here has issued a warning against resorting to this treatment for minor aches and pains.

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Police chief cleared

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

Assistant Commissioner Aharon Chelouche, the head of the police's special duties department, has been cleared of allegations that he tipped off Mr Meyer Lansky's lawyer, Mr Haim Basok, about a police trap.

(Mr Lansky, who is alleged to be connected with the Mafia in the USA, has appealed to the Supreme Court against the refusal of the Interior Minister, Dr Yosef Burg, to extend his permit to remain in Israel.)

The man who made the allegation, a Haaretz reporter called Yigal Laviv, has been arrested on charges of conspiracy to burglar a flat in Tel Aviv.

These two dramatic developments followed close upon one another after publication of a report into the allegations made against Mr Chelouche.

The report was issued by a three-member investigation committee consisting of the director-general of the Education Ministry, the director of the Police Ministry and the Assistant Attorney General.

Mr Laviv has published frequent accusations about links between well-known Israelis, American Jewish leaders and the international underworld.

Common Market gives warning on Israel

From our Correspondent—Brussels

Together with Israel, the Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market) has been examining problems that are likely to arise if and when Britain and the other applicant countries join the Common Market.

A report has been submitted to the Council of Europe, but although its conclusions have not been published, your correspondent learns on good authority that the Commission thinks Israel has some grounds for concern. It also feels that the agreements concluded earlier between Israel and the Common Market should be adjusted.

If the Common Market is expanded to include Britain, Israeli exports to that country could be particularly hard hit. Plywood is a case in point. Some 80 per cent of all the plywood exported by Israel is bought by Britain.

The rate of British customs duty on imported Israeli plywood is 5 per cent, while the Common Market tariff can be as high as 13 per cent. This would obviously affect the price—and hence, the competitiveness—of Israeli plywood.

Fresh fruit juices and oranges would also be hit. Britain charges no duty on these juices, whereas the Common Market tariff on them is very high. As for oranges, although these benefit from a 40 per cent reduction in EEC tariffs under an Israeli-EEC agreement, they enjoy even more favourable conditions from Britain.

Moreover, Moroccan and Tunisian oranges are granted an 80 per cent reduction in the tariff by the Common Market.

British stake in bank

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

A British finance company, The Triumph Investment Trust Ltd., has a £2 million stake in the First International Bank of Israel to be formed next week and begin operations on January 2, 1972.

Intended to provide working capital for industrial development, the bank will have the largest capital of any in Israel, £30 million, with a 26 per cent Government holding in shares and notes.

Other partners include the First Pennsylvania Corporation, the Israel Investors Corporation and the "Sam Rothberg Group," the Histadrut (the Israel Labour Federation), the Manufacturers' Association and shareholders of Israel's Foreign Trade Bank and the Export Bank.

Unrwa wrong, says Israel

From our Correspondent Israel

Israel has denied a statement by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees (Unrwa) that 500,000 Arab refugees have left the occupied territories since the Six-Day War.

The Foreign Ministry said that the figure was much smaller. A report on the matter would be published in due course.

Lydda airport head refuses to quit

From our Correspondent

Mr Itzhak Vardi, the Lydda airport head, has refused to resign, despite an offer which found that neither he nor other officials in the airport are "capable of an international airport."

The report was the result of an inquiry ordered by the Communications Minister, Mr Peres, into the case of the Lydda airport after the massacres began.

Mr Vardi said that the airport was attended by 2,500 men, most of whom were not Jewish. The day being observed added poignancy to the situation.

The committee agreed that the airport was a "hotbed" of Jewish terrorism, which had been ready to erupt at any moment. It should have been under the control of the police.

Mr Vardi, who is a member of the Knesset, said that he had been under pressure from the Knesset to resign. But he said that he would not do so.

Although he had been under pressure from the Knesset, Mr Vardi did not appoint a successor. He said that he would continue to work for the airport until he was replaced.

A high-ranking airport official has been asked to take on the job and has accepted.

Thousands recall Babi Yar

From our East Europe Correspondent

A crowd of Jews from Kiev and other cities attended the 30th anniversary of the massacre of Babi Yar by the Nazis. The ceremony was held in the city of Kiev on September 29, 1971.

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New York park

From our Correspondent New York

New York is America's second major city to rename a park in memory of more than 70,000 Soviet Jews murdered by the Nazis at the Babi Yar ravine, near Kiev, in 1941.

Mr John Lindsay, the Mayor, issued a proclamation last week designating the City Hall Park the Babi Yar Memorial Park until the end of Yom Kippur.

City officials and representatives of the National and Greater New York Conferences on Soviet Jewry attended the dedication ceremony on the 30th anniversary of the massacre.

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New French leaders call conference

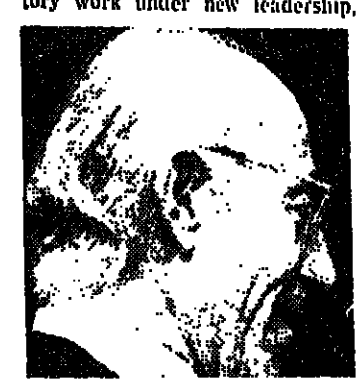
From our Correspondent Paris

About 300 delegates are expected to attend a conference called here by Crif, the Representative Council of French Jewry, at the end of October to discuss domestic Jewish affairs, Israel and matters affecting diaspora communities, including those in the Soviet Union.

It will be Crif's first major conference since its reconstitution during the past twelve months as an umbrella organisation to include all French Jewish groupings.

Mr Pierre Kauffmann, Crif's director-general, told the Jewish Chronicle: "After a year's preparatory work under new leadership, the conference will launch a long term development programme."

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An executive committee of ten members has been elected and three sub-committees formed for information, Soviet Jewry and the struggle against antisemitism. Mr Klein, Mr Claude Kellman and Mr Jean-Pierre Bloch are chairmen of these sub-committees.

B'nai B'rith accuses US party official

From our Correspondent—New York

B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League has called for the removal of Dr Joseph Paeco, the controller of the Republican Party's national committee ethnic council, after charges that he collaborated with the Nazis in occupied Slovakia during the Second World War.

In a letter to Senator Robert Dole, chairman of the Republican National Committee, Mr Seymour Graubard, the ADL president, termed Dr Paeco's involvement in the American political party as "inconceivable."

Allegations concerning Dr Paeco's Nazi past were publicised last week by columnist Jack Anderson. According to the journalist, Dr Paeco was a "leading" propagandist for the Nazis in the 1940s, under the German puppet regime in Slovakia headed by Joseph Tiso.

Dr Paeco is now editor of the Slovak-language paper, *Slovak v Amerika*, published in Middletown, Pennsylvania. He has been active in the Republican Party's ethnic division for a number of years.

Senator Dole of Kansas replied that the ethnic section was "a voluntary arm of the Republican Party. Since he (Dr Paeco) is not salaried by us I can't remove him."

Loyal French friend

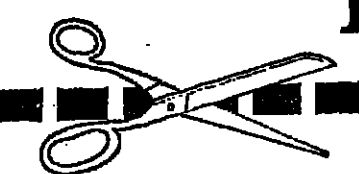
From our Correspondent Paris

General Marie-Pierre Koenig, the victor of the battle of Bir Hakeim against the Afrika Korps (in 1942) "was the most loyal, most unselfish and most devoted friend, whose death is still as painful to our hearts as a year ago", Dr Jacob Kaplan, the Chief Rabbi of France, said in a tribute to the former president of the France-Israel Friendship Association.

Many hundreds of people attended the meeting in the Salle Pleyel here in memory of General Koenig, who died in September, 1970.

Mr Alain Pocher, the president of the French Senate, presided, and the many prominent guests included Mr Achille Peretti, the president of the National Assembly; Mr Raymond Troubet, the president of the parliamentary French-Israeli friendship group; Senator André Montel, the president of the France-Israel Friendship Association; Mr Asher Ben-Natan, the Israeli Ambassador; and Mr Jacques Soustelle, former Minister. Mr Bloch is the president of the International League Against Antisemitism.

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From our Correspondent Johannesburg

Co-operation between the Jewish and Israeli academies has been made public with agreement that Dr Josef Zvi, professor of organic chemistry at Hebrew University and international authority, has been for a five-week stay at the University.

The first academic from South Africa under the scheme, with Rand for which annual travel has been made available, Dr Zvi is returning to Israel by four staff members of the University.

Way pact

From our Correspondent Oslo

Norway have agreed to provide information and to include in the education, cultural and scientific fields a visit to Norway by the Deputy Premier and Minister, Mr Yigal

New community in Argentina

By NISSIM ELNECAVE—Buenos Aires

A distinctive feature about the Argentine Jewish community today is that its increase in size during the past 25 years from 400,000 to 475,000 members is a "natural" one. Since the end of the Second World War, apart from the arrival of some hundreds of refugee families from Egypt and other Arab countries, it has owed little to immigration.

This has meant that the community is leaving behind an "East European ghetto" outlook with a locally-born generation replacing the European-born leadership. This is also seen in the decline of Yiddish and its substitution by Spanish.

A new community is thus being shaped with all the advantages and disadvantages of such influences. The main disadvantages are the increasing assimilation and the alarming rise in mixed marriages, reaching between 35 and 60 per cent in the smallest communities and between 15 and 20 per cent in the largest.

Dr David Kahane, the Chief Rabbi of Argentina, recently told the Vaad Hakashitot in Buenos Aires that no fewer than 50 small communities, each with between 20 and 50 families, in the provinces, were on the verge of extinction.

There was no Jewish life among these communities, no mohel, no Hebrew teacher and no regular religious services, he said.

The Greater Buenos Aires communities, with a population of 350,000, the majority belonging to the Amia Ashkenazi congregations, presented a different picture.

Amia, the president of which is Mr Gregorio Faingershteyn, and the Vaad Hakashitot, were promoting activities not only to preserve Jewish life, but to invigorate and deepen it in the provinces as well as in Buenos Aires.

Some 13,000 pupils were being

educated in 42 Hebrew day schools in Greater Buenos Aires, another 6,000 were enrolled in 50 schools in the provinces and about 400 young people were attending Jewish university studies at the Midrasa Ivrit.

About 40 per cent of Amia's 1971 expenditure of some £2½ million has been allocated to Jewish education, youth clubs and social and cultural activities.

Data, the representative organisation of Argentine Jewry, which is mainly concerned with fighting antisemitism and the activities of the Arab League, has been vigilant for Jewish rights everywhere. Data's president is Dr Zion Cohen Imich.

Data organised mass rallies to call attention to the plight of Soviet Jews and it protested to the Soviet Ambassador on this issue and against the Leningrad and other trials of Soviet Jews.

Delegates also met Argentine Government Ministers and provincial governors to voice the community's concern at numerous antisemitic incidents.

These included bomb explosions at three Jewish schools, the daubing of Jewish institutions with Nazi slogans and the burning of an Israeli flag by the pro-Nazi Guardia Restauradora Nacionalista (GRN) before a church mass.

The whole community has been aware of the sharp rivalry of Argentina's Right and Left to please Arab propagandists and win over



Rabbi David Kahane

the universities, using anti-Zionist and anti-imperialist arguments and the alleged plight of Arab refugees to bolster their campaign in aid of the Arabs.

About a million Arabs are now in Argentina with a large proportion living in the northern provinces. Youssouf El Baudake, who was appointed director of the Arab League office here last year, toured these communities this year to obtain their support for League campaigns and launch an Arab United Appeal to help refugees, but the response has been largely apathetic.

The Arab League finds its main allies among the Left-wing pro-Communist organisations and the ultra-Nationalist Right-wing.

The big Argentine newspapers, notably La Prensa and La Nacion, have time and again printed leading articles favourable to Israel and they have criticised the policies of the Arab League and the Governments of Egypt, Syria and Libya.

There has been a measure of Zionist revival in Argentina's Jewish community with some 28,000 new members joining the Zionist Organisation. Delegates to the next World Zionist Congress are expected to be elected this month.

About 2½ million has been raised for the United Israel

Appeal. This is a commendable total, particularly in view of the devaluation of the Argentine currency by about 30 per cent during the past nine months.

Links between Argentina and Israel may be considered excellent, particularly in the cultural, technical and tourist fields.

Several Israeli technical missions are working here, including one for the development of arid zones, mainly in the Santiago del Estero Province, and another from Sotolunchi is building hundreds of homes in Hanehugh and Villa Lugano on the outskirts of Buenos Aires in a £5 million contract.

All these activities prompted the Argentine trade unions to express publicly their admiration for the Israeli "workers' movement."

Emigration to Israel is increasing. Up to the end of July 1970 members of the community left Argentina to settle there and the total is expected to reach 2,000 by the end of 1971. This compares with 1,700 who went to Israel in 1970 and 1,300 in 1969.

Only a small minority of the public hate Jews. Many people have deep feelings of sympathy for Jews and for Israel in particular, and this was given fine expression by the recent congress of Hebrew studies sponsored by seven Latin American universities at the Rosario State University in Argentina.

The present Argentine-Jewish population of 475,000, of which about 18 per cent are Sephardim, has no links with the scattered Jews or Marranos who came to the country up to the middle of the last century.

Its origins date from the settlers who began to arrive about the year 1802 and the waves of immigration following the foundation since 1889 of the agricultural colonies by Baron Maurice Hirsch and the ICA.

Organised in some 140 big and small communities, Argentine Jewry faces the future with courage and with confidence in its continued development.

Gestapo case being reopened

From our Correspondent

Investigations into the case of Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo chief in Lyon, France during the Second World War, have been reopened, it was announced last Friday.

He announced this in a written statement. Raymond Gelismann, a lawyer formerly of the Lyon Jewish Community, said that Barbie had been present while commencing Nazi measures against the Jews.

The statement was made by Mr Jean-Louis M. Fisher, acting President of the Federation of Synagogues and rabbis of a number of Jewish communities in France.

A total of 43 former members of the French anti-Nazi movement, including Mr Marcel Riviere, Deputy Mayor, came to the protest against the reopening of the case.

The prosecutor was said to have dropped the inquiry, but there was no evidence that Barbie knew of the Jews.

Mrs. Fortuon, 67-year-old French Jew, said that her husband, a childless couple, was killed during the war.

Barbie was sentenced to life imprisonment in his absence by a court after the Second World War. He was released in 1964 and lived in Germany for many years when inquiries were made into his family. He is now in Bolivia.

HOME NEWS

Why rabbis refused sign petition

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

The Chief Rabbi nor members of the London Beth Din signed the petition calling on the Israeli Government to end the law on conversion. The petition, bearing 120 signatures of Jewish rabbis and ministers, has been circulated among members of the community and appeared as a full-page advertisement in last week's JEWISH CHRONICLE. It is being signed by the Igud L'maanus.

Signatories included the Rabbis of the Manchester Beth Din, Mr M. Fisher, acting Rabbis of the Federation of Synagogues and ministers, a number of rabbis of a number of Jewish communities in France.

While Rabbi M. D. Gussow signed the petition on behalf of the Glasgow Jewish Community, Rabbi Dr W. Gottlieb, of the French anti-Nazi movement, and Dr Dayan Z. Alony, of the French anti-Nazi movement, signed the petition on behalf of the French anti-Nazi movement.

The campaign, which originates in America, was discussed by US ministers at their recent meeting. But Dr Jakobovits refrained from directing them on what attitude to adopt.

Rabbi Dr S. Goldman, of the St. John's Wood Synagogue, a leading US minister, refused to sign the petition partly because he was uncertain about the organisation which was arranging it. "On so delicate a matter as conversion one must tread warily," he added.

Dr Goldman also told the "JC" that he appreciated the Israeli Government's position and did not want to add to the difficulties. "I am also not sure that outside interference should force the Israeli Government's hand overmuch," he said.

Most of the signatures are in the ultra-Orthodox section of the Anglo-Jewish rabbinate.

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Search for pro-Arab Liberals

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

In the Liberal Party, the search for pro-Arab Liberals has gained in popularity. The results of a survey of 20 members were made known to the party's executive committee.

Mr Richard Moore, joint secretary of the Liberal Friends of Israel, as well as Mr Phillip Watkins and Alderman Wallace Lawler, founder members of the group, are in the top ten.

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The Labour Party's official pro-Israel policy are, however, still in the majority among the newly elected council members.

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Pupils of the Rosh Pinah Primary School, Edgware, hanging clusters of fruit, flowers and food in their gaily-decorated sukkah, which they built themselves

JDL methods attacked by Soviet Jews

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Many Russian emigrants in Israel have condemned as harmful the militant methods of Rabbi Meir Kahane and his American Jewish Defence League.

This was stated by Mr Yoram Gil, for the past two years director of the Jewish Agency's transit home in Vienna and now an appeals organiser for British Ort in London.

The violence used by the American JDL had resulted in many potential emigrants being imprisoned, Russian Jews have informed Mr Gil in Vienna.

He told the "JC" that the Jewish Agency's office in Vienna was unprepared for the large number of Russian immigrants, and particularly for the influx which arrived after the Brussels world conference of Soviet Jewry in February.

The office was badly understaffed and emissaries had to work up to 20 hours a day to cope with the large number of immigrants arriving by rail and air.

Mr Gil said that he was amazed at the precise information which the immigrants had about the Vienna procedures and even about the Agency personnel. This about the Agency personnel suggested that contact between earlier emigrants and those who remained in the Soviet Union must have been frequent.

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Chief Rabbi's plea to Orthodox

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Chief Rabbi Jakobovits and the Haham, Rabbi Dr S. Gaon, who constitute the ecclesiastical authorities of the Board of Deputies, are urging its Orthodox members to accept the proposed amendment to the constitutional Clause 43 for the sake of communal unity and thus to resolve the prolonged controversy which threatens to split the board on sectarian lines. The clause defines who the ecclesiastical authorities are and what their competence is.

The amendment, proposed by the Board's hon. officers and approved by its executive and law and parliamentary committees, reaffirms the principle that the Board "shall be guided on religious matters" by its ecclesiastical authorities. But it also provides for the first time that the designated religious leaders of the Reform and Progressive sections should be consulted on all religious matters concerning them.

The acceptance of the amendment by the Chief Rabbi and the Haham follows an assurance given to them by the Board that in no circumstances would it make any pronouncement or take any action which would be contrary to the advice offered by them as the board's ecclesiastical authorities.

The assurance was—it is understood—given by the hon. officers and by the two relevant committees

and will be part of the official document they will present, together with the amendment, at the next meeting of the Board on October 24.

Dr Jakobovits and Dr Gaon are understood to have pressed the Orthodox group, led by Dr Bernard Homa, to accept the amendment both for the sake of communal unity and in the light of the assurances obtained from the Board.

The Chief Rabbi told me that he would be "immensely happy and relieved" if the protracted controversy over Clause 43 could "now be regarded as closed to make way for more constructive communal endeavours."

However, neither the Orthodox ad hoc committee—whose chairman, Dr Homa, is away—nor the Progressives have yet had a chance to reappraise their positions in the light of the Board's new assurances.

Hitherto the Orthodox group insisted that the wording of the amendment should be altered to make it mandatory on the Board not only to seek the guidance of its ecclesiastical authorities on all religious matters but also to act on such guidance.

The Progressives, on the other hand, accepted the amendment on the understanding that it does not alter the position of the existing (Orthodox) ecclesiastical authorities.

Timna relics at British Museum

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Objects found in the Timna Valley excavations led by Dr Beno Rothenberg, of Tel Aviv University, are now on view at the Palestine Room in the British Museum. The exhibition opened last Friday and will continue until December 1.

Dr Rothenberg's findings, resulting from a twelve-year expedition in the Arava Desert (conducted by Tel Aviv University and Museum Haaretz), are hailed by experts as of great significance to historical research. He has demonstrated that the copper mines are misnamed as being "King Solomon's," since they go back to the days of the Exodus from Egypt.

The present exhibition shows a complete series of tools and installations from the mines in the biblical period.

Journalists to hold convention

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Mr Arieh Zimucky, co-ordinator of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists, flew into London this week at the end of a world tour to meet Jewish journalists for discussions on the forthcoming world convention of Jewish Journalists in Jerusalem.

Mr Zimucky met the chairman, Mr David Pella, and members of the committee of the Guild of Jewish Journalists.

Mr Zimucky is also co-ordinator of the Zionist Council in Israel and vice-president of the Israeli Journalists' Association.

The Friends of Boys' Town Jerusalem have moved to 34 Percy Street, London, W1P 9PG (telephone, as before, 01-638 4501).



Rosita Klein plays the fiddle on the roof while Sisters of Our Lady display protest placards

Nuns in 'Fiddler' de

Jewish Chronicle

Two nuns and a non-Jewish German girl demonstrated on behalf of Soviet Jewry outside Her Majesty's Theatre in the Haymarket, London, on Saturday morning, a few hours before the final curtain fell on the long-running musical "Fiddler on the Roof."

As it was Shabbat, members of the 35 Group of Women who have held many demonstrations on behalf of the Jews oppressed in Russia were not able to participate. The nuns, Sisters of Our Lady of Zion, who have often helped the group, joined the German girl, 24-year-old Rosita Klein, in demonstrating for Jewish rights to show how little had changed since the Tsarist days in which the musical is set.

Rosita climbed a ladder in front of the theatre holding a violin in her hand while "Fiddler" music came from a van below her. The nuns standing near the van held placards, one of which read "The

same Russia, the same

In the evening the same scene was repeated when a crowd of Jews entered the theatre to see the final performance of the musical.

"Fiddler" goes tonight to the Soviet Union. The view is shared by Dr George Stelmach, T. S. Eliot memorial

Mr. Greville Jones, who wrote the Soviet section in London asking that consideration be given to the idea for an exit visa for Mr. Fima Weissman.

Mr. Weissman, who wrote, is the son of a Zionist, Israel, and is living relative, her mother having been killed by the He suffers from tuberculosis.

Audio-visual material on show at the first Soviet Jewry to be on the Universities' Council Soviet Jewry next Tuesday at London's Hillier



Smiles all round as residents relax at the open day of Ajax House in East Bank, Stamford Hill, opened a year ago. The tenants, elderly ex-Servicemen and their wives, occupy separate flats in the building

Jewry has chance to rescue mankind

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

This civilisation, far from preventing the Holocaust, had helped to promote it by its Christian-inspired view of an essential evil in man, he writes.

But he challenges Dr Steiner's view of the essence of Judaism and denies that it shares fundamental religious concepts with Christianity.

"The extraordinary paradoxes of monotheism," Mr Maccoy states, "have not yet been explained or understood, except by Jews who understand them through their history and culture, through their myths and ceremonies, through the pores of their communal life."

But, he adds, Jews "have not yet been able to translate this instinctive understanding into a Gentile vocabulary so permeated by Christian dualism (of good and evil) that every Jewish idea becomes falsified by being expressed in a European language."

"The tendency towards ecumenism," he writes, "is a symptom not of enlightenment but of lack of faith in the value of cultural individuality. It is a tired abdication from leadership and an acceptance of cultural death."

And he concludes: "It is at least possible that the Jewish pattern preserved so long at such enormous cost in suffering now has its chance to justify its survival by coming to the rescue of threatened mankind."

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Sharp rise in new pupils

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

An increasing number of Jewish children in the London area have been registered for the new academic year at most Jewish secondary schools.

At the start of the new term the JFS Comprehensive School in Camden Town had 70 more pupils than last year, raising the total roll to 1,390.

The original first-year entries have now reached the sixth form, where there was an intake of 200. To enter for sixth-form expansion work has now started on building a nine-classroom extension, due to be completed next September.

The Jewish Secondary Schools Movement also started with increased numbers. Additional classrooms have been provided at the two Hasmonaean Grammar Schools, which now have almost 800 pupils between them. Plans are in hand to increase this number to 1,500.

A new deputy head, Rabbi Myer Roher, has been appointed for the boys' grammar school. At the Monorah Primary School, Rabbi Israel Cohen has taken over as head, and Mrs L. Shino has taken up her duties as acting head of the Avigdor Primary School.

About 55 new pupils have joined the Yosef Yehonatan School, bringing the total roll to 700.

Mosley's claim refuted

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Sir Oswald Mosley's repeated claim that his only pre-war quarrel with the Jews was that they were "pushing this country into war with Germany," has been refuted by one of his lieutenants in the pre-war British Union of Fascists.

In the latest issue of Candour, an extreme right-wing newsletter, Mr A. K. Chesterton, former leader of the National Front movement, states that Mosley's memory "must obligingly have failed him" on this.

The Mosley assertion, he writes, is "demonstrably false." Mosley had claimed "that he was so often away from London on speaking tours that he had no knowledge of attacks against Jews on other grounds in the Union's publication, Action."

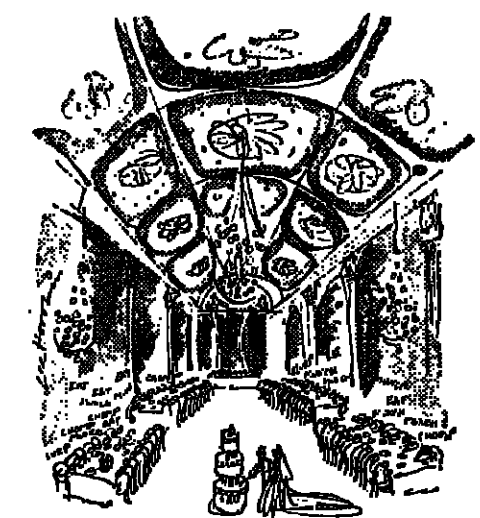
This, Mr Chesterton contends, was again false. Mosley, he alleges, went through page-proofs of Action every week on the eve of publication.

He also refers to Mosley's claim that if attacks were made the editors were responsible and all he could do was to sack them. Mr Chesterton comments that no editor had ever thus been sacked.

Thorpe forest

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Intermarriage today—a 'JC' inquiry

'Rabbis brought in too late'

Jewish Chronicle Reporters

In one Golders Green home with a difference, Friday night is a hallowed occasion. The wife lights the candles and makes the appropriate blessing: "Shalom Aleichem" is followed by a rendering in Hebrew and English of "A woman of worth." The four children are blessed in traditional Jewish style and then comes kiddush.

The husband was born a Jew, the wife a Christian, but they consider themselves to be "at one religiously." In his words "she accepts the Jewish commitment as part of our joint experience together."

This couple made intermarriage work through understanding, unusual perception and strong belief on both sides. But they are exceptional. Others who take the plunge may be more likely to abandon religion to history—like the Hebrew classes they left at 13.

Intermarriage—the fashionable Jewish term for marriages out of faith—is the great concern and worry of the present Jewish epoch, replacing the persecution agony of the past centuries which, for all its terrors, at least nourished security in its ghetto-togetherness.

No reliable statistics

Intermarriage may be a subtler threat than death or expropriation, but because of its intangible quality it is considered to be more poisonous—eating away at the life-blood of the people.

And yet the strangest aspect of the situation is its impossibility to pin down. Rabbinim vent fears and issue warnings but our religious authorities have never compiled a survey and there are no reliable or complete data on which scientific pronouncements can be made.

Reports based on synagogue marriages generally admit their inbuilt failure to record the general pattern of intermarriage because of the proportion of Jews who do not belong to synagogues.

While a 20-30 per cent intermarriage figure seems to be generally accepted among rabbis, very few seem prepared to admit that it exists in any form other than a national problem, far removed from their own areas. Intermarriage is the current bugbear—in general they do not seem to have much personal evidence of it.

What is to be done about the problem?

Rabbi Dr Louis Jacobs, of the New London Synagogue, believes

there is no definite panacea. Parents are as concerned as they used to be, not only in their own congregation but elsewhere. We all try to do something about it. But what?

The Rev Dr Barnett Joseph, of Hackney, insists that rabbis must impress the dangers upon both partners in a prospective mixed marriage. But by the time desperate parents call in the rabbi it's usually too late, as every minister will tell you.

One of the most actively concerned with this thorny issue is Rabbi Raymond Apple, of Hampstead, who is also chairman of the Jewish Marriage Education Council. "The rabbi is usually brought in at the very last moment," he says, "and the most he can sometimes do is to persuade the couple to take a little longer to think about it. But if he had been brought in 14 years earlier there might have been a chance of bringing up the child in a positively Jewish atmosphere."

Rabbi Apple shows a particularly fighting spirit in attacking intermarriage. "If we really mean to oppose mixed marriages then we have to show we are angry, you can't just let it evaporate and pretend nothing's happened. A person who has married out should not be permitted to stand for or hold office in any Jewish organisation."

Real danger in fringe areas

Not surprisingly, perhaps, intermarriage has not yet seriously invaded Golders Green—that improbable bastion of Jewish society. But even here there remains a nagging worry.

"At the moment it hasn't happened," says Rabbi Dr Eugene Newman, minister of the Golders Green Synagogue. "But I don't know what will happen next year."

One imagines that the real dangers lurk in the fringe districts of Greater London, where Jewish commitment is weaker. The Rev Edward Jackson, of Kingston, often



finds difficulty in keeping track of the younger members because they are constantly on the move. But he is proud of his growing community of 300 families and denies any notion that intermarriage could threaten their spirit.

Kingston has a successful Jewish study group and those who take part, in his view, tend towards a closer identification with Judaism. "Those who choose to remain within the community are likely to become more involved; if they do not, of course, they may assimilate—and intermarry—more readily."

Rabbi R. Kahane, of Sutton, reports a similar experience. He claims that intermarriage is an unknown occurrence in his 250-strong community, mainly because of good youth facilities.

"Intermarriage can happen, but it's not expected," he asserts. "There's a greater possibility when they feel left on the shelf. But I'd never try to force religion down their throats. Jewish people are like eggs—the more you boil them, the harder they get."

In the last analysis, it is the youth clubs where the future is

Becoming socially acceptable

A gradual upward trend in the rate of intermarriage is revealed in the provinces. But the rate of increase seems to have slowed down in the past year or two and in a few cases to have been arrested altogether.

At the same time a vastly greater tolerance of intermarriage is reported from practically every provincial centre, large and small. In many of the smaller communities men who have married non-Jews take an active part in communal life even though their wives have not been converted to Judaism.

The smaller communities are being progressively depleted by an exodus to London of younger members—particularly girls—in search of Jewish partners. This move is now spreading to larger centres such as Nottingham which has 1,500 Jews.

The onward march of intermarriage appears to have passed by a few communities, mainly those with a particularly closely knit social life and one or two others where religious traditions were strong in the past.

Sunderland, in particular, falls into the latter category, while in Gateshead, it goes without saying, the problem does not exist.

Whatever troubles may visit Ireland, intermarriage does not seem to be one of them, at least as far as Dublin's Jewish community is concerned. Cases are few and far between and, our correspondent writes, "are regarded

with disfavour in the community generally."

Reaction to intermarriage, while universally more tolerant than in the past, varies considerably from place to place. In Glasgow, according to Rabbi Dr Wolf Gottlieb, head of the Beth Din, the younger generation is the more tolerant, while "the elderly Orthodox section still refuses to come to terms with it."

Ostracism is the 'odd case'

Our Sheffield correspondent reports "the odd case in recent years where children have been cut off by their parents." In Nottingham, on the other hand, a number of marriages between Jewish men and non-Jewish girls have in recent years been "celebrated by the attendance of leading members of the local Orthodox community."

In Leicester social acceptability of a non-Jewish bride is reported to vary according to her social background. "A medical specialist who marries out," reports our correspondent, "will not be ostracised and is even welcomed with his wife in the homes of his Orthodox friends," while a shop assistant would receive a cool welcome.

Jewish parents in Blackpool are reported "to try to resist intermarriage taking place. But

moulded. Will young Jews or will they drift?

Some of Britain's largest youth club networks are strongly in favour of intermarriage. They strongly defend the ground that it leads to all-round relationships, "not result in intermarriage," youth leader, "but in having more friends."

This view is supported by J. Yuchetel, secretary of the Leeds Talmud Torah Club and Settlement, who, in a recent sermon at the Leeds Synagogue, enced a case of intermarriage the past ten years. It was two altogether it was a

Some closely involved youth scene would go so far as to say that the intermarriage have been exaggerated. Shaw, of the Redbridge Youth Centre, which has 100 members, says that it is a problem that it ever

"But intermarriage is less to young people than to. Where it's happening greater degree is in the ties, perhaps among graduates who have had with non-Jews."

Teacher flays Leeds Talmud Torah

From our Correspondent

Leeds Talmud Torah was made by Mr Harris. Often, he said, there were many in the same class of different levels of knowledge.

Mr Rose said he could not understand how Mr Harris could comment on the size of classes at Sandhill Lane as he had never taught there. "He was only at the Oakwood branch with a maximum class size of eight pupils." All pupils at Sandhill Lane were graded according to merit and not age, said Mr Rose, adding that the only time that there were classes of 30 to 40 was during difficult holiday periods. The average size of classes was 25.

In his sermon Mr Harris said that he did not blame the teachers or the children. He was critical of the treatment of the teachers at the Talmud Torah and claimed that many of them had been on the same salary for five or six years.

But Mr Rose said that all their teachers were paid above the minimum London rate, receiving £1.25 per hour. "We have a modern building which satisfies the requirements of the local education authorities. It is used for the Jewish day school, which recently received the blessing of the local authorities because of the high standard of the building, unlike the Shomrei Hadassah where children are taught in bedrooms, contrary to local authority requirements," he concluded.

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Isaac Chait's visit to holiday home

When Rabbi Isaac Chait, who celebrates his 66th birthday next Thursday, joined the Sheffield congregation in 1951, he brought with him his rabbinical diploma, gained with distinction following studies at the Yeshiva Elia Chaim and Jews' College, a knowledge of Semitics, which earned him an MA degree at Oxford, and 28 years of experience in the Anglo-Jewish ministry.

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From our Correspondent

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The gift was announced by Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, the president of the Representative Council for Newcastle Jewry, at a special meeting convened last week by the council and attended by representatives of the three Orthodox synagogues which will form the United Hebrew Congregation of Newcastle.

The money will be used to cover the purchase price and all legal costs of Culzean Park, a site in the Gosforth area of the city, which is being obtained, in advance of need, to provide a future synagogue and community centre.

A house at present on the site will shortly be brought into use to provide youth facilities under the joint direction of the three synagogues—Jesmond, Gosforth and Kenton and the Old Hebrew Congregation.

Dr Kopelowitz commented that the generosity and far-sightedness of Mr and Mrs Jacobson had given security to the community for generations to come. It gave a wonderful opportunity to the synagogues to intensify Jewish activities at all levels.

A coffee morning held at the home of Mr and Mrs E. Berg raised £100 for the Newcastle Jewish Welfare Society. The opener was Mrs Patricia Summerfield.



chaplain to the Lord Mayor, Alderman Isidore Lewis, in 1968.

His most important work he considers, however, to be his own congregation, and for the Anglo-Jewish community, where he sits as one of three provincial members on the Standing Committee of Rabbis and Ministers. A vice-president of the Mizrahi Organisation, he has strong, sometimes controversial views on Orthodoxy. He is particularly conscious of the shift of emphasis in the present-day community from religion as a binding force and recognises that many people have exchanged religious attachment for a national attachment to Israel.

Rabbi Chait is a vice-president of the World Jewish Congress and interested in Jews throughout the world. At the end of the war he visited the concentration camps, and now takes up the cause of Russian Jewry.

Among Rabbi Chait's hidden talents is that of artist. He gave up a scholarship to Chelsea Art School, because his father felt that he had, however, never given up this interest, and for a time took a part-time course at the Sheffield College of Art.

From the canvases in his study it is not difficult to see that he is not only a defender of the faith and fighter for Jewish causes but a visionary who still cherishes a boyhood dream.

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Focus

Light and shade

The Persians are this month celebrating the 2500th anniversary of their monarchy. The event is being marked in Israel, for Jews have been closely connected with Persia for all those 2,500 years.

Indeed, Cyrus the Great, regarded as the founder of the Persian State, occupies an honored place in Jewish history as one of the three great non-Jewish heroes. It was he who granted permission to the Jews in Babylon to return to Jerusalem.

Evidence from elsewhere shows that he did the same with other religions and that it was part of his general policy of conciliating all groups within his kingdom, but this return from exile was, of course, vital to the whole future course of Jewish history.

The book of Esther illustrates Jewish life in Persia. Despite all the difficulties of its dating and of identifying its principal protagonists, the story gives a clear picture of the heights of power to which the Jews had attained and of the way in which their communities were dispersed over the whole Empire.

In the Persian town of Hamadan there is a mausoleum traditionally associated with Esther and Mordecai, but it is much more certain that Queen Sushan Dukt, the wife of one King of Persia and the mother of another, was of Jewish birth. The later story of the Jews in Persia was not uniformly happy. There were times of extensive prosperity, and it was during such

times that, under Persian rule, the Jewish communities of Babylonia flourished and produced the Babylonian Talmud.

These Jewish communities were virtually self-governing under the control of dynasties of Exilarchs. The Exilarchs, virtually independent subordinate kings, were members of the Royal council but also exercised various powers of taxation and of holding law courts. Their prestige was so great as to enable their control to be felt even over Jewish communities outside the Persian Empire.

But there were bad times too. The early religion of Persia was Zoroastrianism. There are similarities between this and Judaism, but there are also deep differences, and these often gave cause for fierce persecutions and attempts to suppress Jewish religious observances.

On occasion, for example, the public recital of the Shema was completely banned, and the Talmud is full of references to difficulties in Persia. These persecutions and oppressions led eventually to open revolt under the Exilarch Mar Zutra II, who for seven years attempted unsuccessfully to establish an independent Jewish State. His failure led to the collapse of the Exilarchate.

The Arab conquest of Persia brought some relief to the Jews. These were, however, the days when the Persian Jewish community was influential because of its wealth and learning, and that did not last. A growing in-



Wall paintings on the wall of the Dura Europos Synagogue on the Euphrates, built in the third century CE. The synagogue provides evidence that Jewish communities flourished in what became the Persian Empire

tolerance among the Moslem rulers of Persia worsened dramatically the conditions under which the Jews lived. Conditions were worst in the nineteenth century. In 1838, for instance, in Meshed, one of the principal cities of the country, the entire Jewish community was forcibly converted to Islam. However, rather like the Marranos of the Spanish Peninsula, they still maintained their Judaism in secret, as their descendants do still.

The depressed state of Persian Jews in the nineteenth century

attracted a great deal of attention from Jews and non-Jews in the West.

Lord Curzon, at the end of the century, painted a graphic picture of the "great poverty and ignorance" of the Jews of Persia. He described some of the other disabilities "which have marked them out as social pariahs." He wrote in 1892: "Every man's hand is against him; and he is the first to encounter a Persian street mob."

Not until the rule of the father of the present Shah was there

much real amelioration. The present government of Persia is much more tolerant, and have guaranteed representation in the Majlis, the Persian Parliament, and the Shah has friendly relations with the State of Israel.

Nonetheless, the Jewish community is dwindling. In 1948 and 1949 nearly 100,000 Jews left Persia for Israel, and the present population has been estimated at about 75,000, bringing to the oldest and most important Diaspora settlements in the world.

AUBREY NEB

Religious issues that divide Jewry



Mrs. Shalit with her two children—last case of its kind

a person born of a Jewish mother. It put paid to any future Shalit case.

While for the other possible category it did not explicitly require conversion according to the halacha, it did not mention any non-Orthodox procedure either. Under Israeli law the Chief Rabbinate is the only religious authority which, in cases of doubt, decides who is or is not duly converted.

The main problem, so it seems, are those non-Jewish Reform converted wives—and their offspring—who, with their Jewish husbands, wish to settle in Israel. In fact, in nearly all cases, these have been careful to obtain halachic conversion before emigration to avoid complications in Israel.

Other non-Jewish marriage partners have been able to convert through ad hoc rabbinical courts set up by the Jewish Agency in transit camps for immigrants en route to Israel. It was the Both

Din in Vienna which, as is well-known by now, caused much of the furor emanating from New York. It was alleged that hundreds of people had undergone "instant conversion" in Vienna.

When the Israeli rabbinate was eventually alerted and took steps to investigate, it was found that in the course of two years no more than 54 persons had been converted, 14 of them represented by a deeply religious mother and her 13 children. She claimed that her mother had been Jewish, and she had to undergo conversion only for lack of proof.

But this does not prevent the agitators from brandishing imaginary facts and figures in order to blacken the name of those whose only aim is to solve a delicate religious and human problem.

ALEXANDER CARLEBACH

(Rabbi Dr. Carlebach, formerly minister of the Belfast Hebrew Congregation now lives in Israel.)

The case of Hanoch and Miriam Langer, Israel's long-suffering mamzerim, continues to agitate Israeli public opinion.

But while the Langers have been trying for five years to clear themselves of the stigma of bastardy, as yet there has been no analysis of the reasons why mamzerim are forbidden to marry Jews not so tainted, and why their progeny "may not enter the congregation of the Lord even unto the tenth generation" (Deuteronomy 23, 3).

All this despite the fact that Judaism rejects the christological notion of inherited sin.

Jewish law is so severe with respect to mamzerim because of the distinctive Jewish interpretation of the Seventh Commandment: "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20, 13). Strange though it may seem, this commandment is not binding upon a Jewish husband in the generally accepted sense of the prohibition of marital infidelity. In point of fact, according to Jewish law, a man is not guilty of adultery if he cohabits with another woman (provided she is not married).

Rabbi Gershom of Mayence did prohibit polygamy (in c. 1000), but this does not set aside Biblical law as interpreted by the Talmud.

Medieval rabbinic authorities differed on whether Jewish men were forbidden to keep a mistress (Pilegesh). Many Jewish men took advantage of the view that there was no injunction against the taking of a pilgesh provided it had not been agreed otherwise in the marriage contract.

Jewish divorce is predicated on the premise that his wife "is the property of the husband" and thus only he — and not the rabbinical court — can initiate religious divorce. If he refuses or disappears the wife can never remarry.

She remains an aguna — a "chained" woman bound forever to the husband, even if, as is frequently the case today, he has remarried in a civil ceremony. If she does remarry during her husband's life and without having received a Gei (bill of divorce) she is an adulteress and her children born of the "adulterous" union are mamzerim.

The mother of Hanoch and Miriam Langer made her way to Israel during the Second World War. She assumed that her first husband, a Polish Christian who had converted to Judaism, had perished in the war, and she remarried. Years later, the first husband turned up in Israel.

Mrs. Langer was declared an "adulteress" and her children, Hanoch and Miriam, are registered as mamzerim.

Many pay tribute to Jewish "progressiveness" because children born out of wedlock are not considered mamzerim. Those who pay this tribute fail to see that this very leniency stems from the basic orientation of Jewish law which gives virtually unlimited sexual freedom to the male—provided he does not poach upon "the property rights" of another male in a wife or a virgin daughter.

Children born out of wedlock are "legitimate" because it would inhibit the male's sexual freedom if it were otherwise. Life is invariably ahead of law. Throughout the ages, Jewish men have been much "better" than the Seventh Commandment and its Talmudic rabbinic interpretation obliges them to be.

But the halacha still pulls in the other direction and confers upon Jewish men rights of ownership over their wives. Hence the tragedies of the aguna and the affliction of the mamzer.

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The distinguished visitor was not impressed.

The date was 1663. The visitor was Samuel Pepys and, as fate would have it, the one day of the year when he chose to observe the Hebrews at prayer was Simchat Torah.

Our synagogue fathers seem to have taken Pepys' remarks very much to heart and in subsequent years Simchat Torah in London became an occasion so decorous that any passing Pepys could have taken it for a lying-in-state from Bechchanal to funeral in one generation.

The elders donned top-hats, the hakafot were allocated among ancients and worthies, all shuffling slowly behind the chazan and all intoning a tune which had the character and pace of a dirge. And at the end of it all there might be some kosher wine (in moderate quantities), some rubber sponge-cake, some speeches (in immoderate quantities) — and that was it, the revelry over for another year.

The Englishman took his pleasures soberly, and this was a way of demonstrating our Englishness. Our synagogues had moreover become imposing edifices, with carpets and chandeliers and expensive timbers, and when we stopped worrying about what our neighbors might think, we began worrying about our furniture.

The funeral Simchat Torah thus became part of the midday nap.

The tradition is still intact in some places and it once dropped in for hakafot in the Hampstead Synagogue, for example, one might

legitimately inquire who died. But on the whole Simchat Torah has been subjected to what might be called a gay liberation movement: it is again becoming a positive source of joy.

In the old days those who wanted to experience something of the colour of the festival would resort to the East End where the herrings flourished and the whisky flowed and the merry-makers made merry, singing and dancing their day away as if it might be their last.

What has happened is that the East End has now come to the suburbs, and where in an earlier generation we saw only a shy remnant of our old ways, we now tend to glory in them or at least to sentimentalise over them, and Simchat Torah is a splendid evocation of old scenes and old memories and songs of long ago.

The settings have changed, have

become plushier, glossier, but associations remain the same and bend over the smoked atmosphere of horrid prostrate on a plate. We throw our children grandchildren into the mix and try to relive our childhood through them.

There has also been some of a religious revival in the community, and the truly devout always been perfectly at home, to put their feet on their hair down, as the demands.

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Willesden, Woodside Park, N.W.3.	(a) Ladies' Course, Rabbi Dr. A. M. Glazier	Tuesday, 8.45 a.m. from September 7

The first and the last in the East End

One of the old, valiant images of the East End is revived this year with the 75th anniversary of Brady Clubs and Settlement. But it is an auspicious youth event celebrated with little ceremony.

This, its most momentous year yet, looks like going out not with a bang but with a whimper.

This lack of pretension probably reveals Brady's earthy view that the show must go on. And somehow it still does.

Though today its membership embraces girls as well as boys, Brady was founded in April, 1896, as the first Jewish working boys' club in Britain, the brainchild of three women-founders — Lady Rothschild, Mrs Arthur Franklin and a Mrs Joseph.

Seventy-five years later, when virtually all the other local clubs have left for lush pastures in Southgate, Stamford Hill and Ilford, Brady alone remains with its feet firmly in East End soil. It was the first to be born; it is the last to survive.

But if Brady's idiom is rooted in East End legend, its language is very much of the 1970s. And it survives despite financial setbacks which would have sounded the death-knell for many a less tough institution. In 1967, for instance,



Cups galore—going in head first to win

Brady discovered it was £10,000 in the red and seriously considered closing down. The club was saved that year by a major fundraising effort which injected a barely adequate £7,000 into its dwindling resources. By 1960 the deficit was down to £2,000.

Now Brady has secured a substantial grant of £6,500 from the GLC mainly because of municipal respect for Jewish clubs like it. Funds come from members' subscriptions and private donations, but it is doubtful whether today the club can muster more than 500 members within its substantial Hanbury Street premises. Though nine to 19 is the

spiritual age group, Brady can truthfully claim to have something for everybody. For the pre-teens upwards there's the usual sporting and intellectual motif—from football to cricket, quizzes to pottery—under GLC guidance.

There is a friendship club for the elderly and play centres for the under nines. Its own David-on House at Skeet in Kent has entertainment and tennis facilities for everyone.

Brady plays a decisive role in the perennial controversy over admitting non-Jewish members. It accepts a percentage, it says, out of its belief that non-Jews can stimulate and sustain the club rather than undermine it.

For all that, the spirit that inhabits Brady is traditionally Jewish. There are seder nights and Rosh Hashana services, and members are kept informed on Jewish issues.

So involved do members become in Brady's life, that managers who come up from the rank and file tend to stay with the

club for years, see a particularly fine leader was the well-known Yogi Meyer who, until 1968, encouraged a lively-mindedness in its members. They had to play and win. And they did.

But despite the success of many of its old members, feeling now seems no matter how deep its roots, something of a spirit has gone. A times; an irreverence from the communal which vanished with the to Golders Green. Will there be another? Perhaps there lies the Brady's reluctance to the first.

GLORIA

A case on Jerusalem

I blinked when I read the opening sentence in the business section of last week's Economist. "Wednesday was the Jewish fast, the Day of Atonement, and the stock markets in London and New York were noticeably quiet."

Was the Economist implying that without the Jews these two key stock markets are unable to function normally? Could this reputable journal be lending its voice to the twisted minority who believe that the Pagans and Shylocks control the moneybags of the Western world?

I then read on, and saw that Yom Kippur was not mentioned again in the article. I read back; and I realised that the sentence that had startled me so much was totally harmless — simply another example of the cheap-jack, attention-grabbing journalism that has increasingly disfigured the Economist in recent years.

At the same time I have never hidden my dismay at the way in which the Israelis are frustratingly running up eyecore blocks of flats in East Jerusalem in order to serve notice on the world that the whole city is theirs and will remain theirs.

In last Saturday's Times that



Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives, their barring of Jewish access to the Western Wall. I have been equally certain that any future Jerusalem settlement must be one with built in acceptability to the Israeli Government and people. Meanwhile, Israel is right to go on occupying the whole city.

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VALLENTINE



MITCHELL

Never again—at the Mandelbaum Gate, which divided Jerusalem before June, 1967

My reaction was symptomatic of many Jews who, when disconcerted by anything which is in any way relevant to Judaism, immediately suspect anti-semitism and worse.

The same sort of reflex has governed reactions to comment following the UN Security Council resolution on Jerusalem last month. Many of us myself included, reject the resolution. But in doing so we must not allow ourselves to reject automatically some of the justified criticism which has accompanied the resolution.

Although I have all along had my doubts about the wisdom of the Israeli Government's purported legal annexation of East Jerusalem, I have been certain that the broad lines of Israeli policy since that date have been basically right.

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P. S. GOURGEY

OF ISRAEL: The Bene-Israel of Bombay. By Shilpa Strizower. Basil Blackwell, £1.25.

One of the most crucial issues in Israel is confronted, in a book which makes reading, like the pro-creator's egg it is good in



Bene-Israel immigrants arriving at Lydda—to what sort of future?

reports as causing great indignation "at this attempt to remove the anciently recognised distinction between the real Israel and Black or Kula Israel" (p. 20).

This reviewer was present in Jerusalem in August, 1968, when the Bene-Israel problem exploded with demonstrations by them against certain rabbinical directives on their ancestry and in which personalities like Professor Yigal Yadin and Mr Victor Shentur (now Israel's Minister of Health) participated.

These demonstrations led to the recall of the Knesset then in recess, and in a remarkable address the late Prime Minister, Mr Eshkol, indicated that this was another aspect of the vexed "Who is a Jew?" question, uttering a significant warning to the effect that since the Knesset conferred exclusive authority on the rabbinic on matters of marriage and divorce, so could it also withdraw this authority.

It must be stressed, and this

from my personal experience, that in India there were, and are, no differences at all in the Zionist movement. Indeed one wonders if the problem would ever have arisen if the Bene-Israel in Bombay had accepted the invitation by the visionary Dr Herzl to send two delegates to the first world Zionist Congress in 1897.

Capital Jews

LIONEL KOCHAN

THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF THE JEWS OF AMSTERDAM IN THE 17TH AND 18TH CENTURIES. By H. Bloom. Kenikat Press—distributed in UK by Bailey Bros and Swinlen. £8.25.

This reprint of a book first published in 1937 is all the more welcome in that its value has become more and more manifest over the years.

Dr Bloom's aim was to answer this question: did the Jews contribute to the rise and growth of capitalism in one of its focal points, the city of Amsterdam? If so, how great was their contribution and what was its nature? The answer involves a minute examination of the conditions in which first Sephardi and then Ashkenazi Jews settled in Amsterdam, the conditions of their settlement and the occupations they followed. During the period under review the number of Jews grew from about 1,800 Sephardim in 1655 to 2,400 Sephardim and 21,000 Ashkenazim in 1795. The growth of the city's general population over the same period was slight—from about 180,000 to 217,000.

Despite the numbers and general prosperity of the Jews, their position was not completely unshaken. Certain crafts and trades controlled by the guilds were forbidden to them. However, this did not greatly hamper their commercial activities and Dr Bloom distinguishes four principal branches of the economy in which Jews were prominent. Trades and crafts in this category included the silk, industry, sugar, printing, tobacco, diamonds and precious stones.

We find Dutch-Jewish traders active both in the European and Colonial fields; and we find them occupied in dealing in money and securities. So highly, indeed, did the Dutch Government rate the commercial activities of the Jews that at the time of Menasseh ben Israel's mission to Cromwell the Dutch Ambassador in London was instructed to make sure that Menasseh was not cherishing plans for the exodus of the Jews from Amsterdam.

Fascinating study

HUGH HARRIS

FROM SPANISH COURT TO ITALIAN GHETTO. By Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi. Columbia University Press. £9.50.

The Professor of Hebrew and Jewish history at Harvard University has here made a splendid contribution to Jewish studies that will fascinate both the scholar and the general reader. It is a brilliantly written work and has been superbly produced under the auspices of Columbia University.

A sub-title indicates its subject-matter somewhat more precisely: "Isaac Cardoso, a study in seventeenth-century Marranism and Jewish apologetics." But even this is a sufficiently comprehensive theme with its widespread ramifications into biography, history, and theology. Yet the author's detailed researches never obscure a lucid narration of absorbing human interest.

Born of Marrano parents in Portugal in 1604, Cardoso was brought up in Spain where he lived as an apparently devout Christian. Acquiring fame in medicine, science, and philosophy, he eventually became chief physician at the royal court in Madrid. Then in 1648, he suddenly left Spain for Italy, where he became an actively professing Jew. His reclamation of his birthright in Venice was marked by his change of name from Fernando to Isaac.

From 1652 till his death in 1688, he lived in Verona, where he was honoured as a physician and philosopher by Jews and Christians. He published two outstanding works, "Philosophia

Libera" (1673), and "Lex Execlenciae de lo Hebreos" (1679).

The latter book is a magnificent polemical defence of the Jew and Judaism, and Professor Yerushalmi explains its significance for a new evaluation of Marranism and of the contemporary influence of Sabbatianism.

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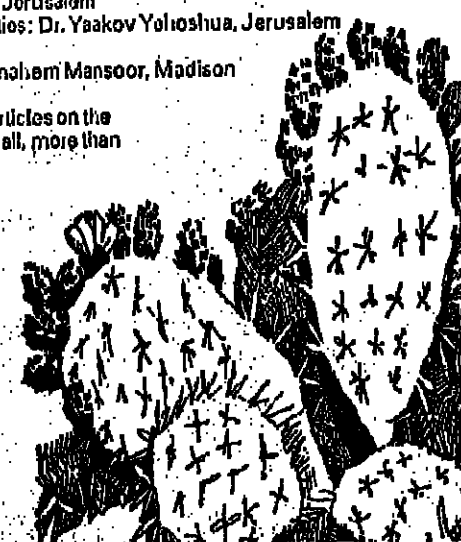
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THERE WAS A TIME WHEN winter holidays were a luxury only the rich could afford. Today, winter breaks are offered to suit all pockets and tastes, and they cost from as little as £10 for a sun-seeking weekend in Majorca or mainland Spain.

Nobody should really expect weather conditions in the Mediterranean during the winter period (late October to early April) to be in any way the same as in summer, but with luck—especially during the beginning and end of the period—the weather will be warm enough for swimming and sunbathing. However, though obviously enjoying a warmer winter climate than Britain, the Balearic Islands' weather around mid-winter can be rather unpredictable.

The only problem with taking, or trying to take, a winter holiday in Majorca, Ibiza or Minorca, is that they offer such good value (around £25 to £27 a week on average) and are therefore sold out very quickly, so early application is essential. But for the lucky ones, winter is the best time to quietly explore the islands. Though very different from one another, each has its share of scenic beauty, sleepy villages, and signs of an everyday life far removed from that encountered along the holiday beaches.

The impact of mass tourism has hit Majorca the hardest, yet the real unspoiled Majorca lies only a short distance away from Palma and the beaches which, during the summer, are black with tourists. Winter visitors stay near Palma, either at the newer and more fashionable resorts of Illetes, Palma Nova and Magaluf, or in Arenal on the sweeping Playa de Palma. This leaves the rest of the island virtually tourist-free and ready for exploration.

Coach tours to the Caves of

Balearics

GERRY BRENES

Drach, the pearl town of Manacor or Valldemosa, one-time home of Chopin and George Sand, which tend to be hot and stuffy during summer are much more pleasant in cooler weather.

Perhaps the best method of seeing Majorca is to hire a self-drive car, as off-season rates are attractive. Apart from more freedom to drive and stop where you please, with four people the daily rental will work out less than four fares on a scheduled coach excursion. Palma, the capital, is a vibrant city, equally alive by day and night. Tito's, one of Europe's finest night spots is featured in every tour operator's list of excursions.

Palma's celebrated cathedral contains interesting Jewish relics, reminders of an unhappy past when Jews were subjected to torture and massacre in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Several of Palma's churches stand on sites originally occupied by synagogues. Today the Jewish population of Majorca numbers around 300, but it does have a de luxe category kosher hotel—the first to operate in any part of Spain—the De Mar, at Illetes, which is open throughout the year.

Ibiza, in my mind, the least interesting of the Balearics, offers what may be termed standard package fare for winter holidaymakers. All the accepted ingredients of a sunny holiday are there—good hotels, excellent beaches, water sports, riding and excursions, plus, of course, night clubs and bars, which range from "English pubs" to those

featuring Ibicencan atmosphere and music.

San Antonio and Santa Eulalia are the two main winter resorts; the former has a more sophisticated air, being purely a resort town, whereas Santa Eulalia still retains something of its original village appearance. Inland, Ibiza is not as attractive as its neighbours, but a visit to the old fortress town of Ibiza itself is rewarding. Again, car hire is easy, though rates in Ibiza and Minorca are slightly higher than those in Majorca. Probably the best excursion is the boat trip from Ibiza town to the small island of Formentera—a very beautiful and now fortunately devoid of its hippy colony.

The third Balearic holiday island, Minorca, is the best bet for a quiet, relaxing break. Less dependent on the money tourists bring and spend, Minorca's tourist expansion has been on a carefully controlled scale. It is not bulging with visitors, nor are the streets of the capital, Port Mahon, littered with shops selling cheap and identical souvenirs. Night life there is, but not to the noisy extremes of the large resorts on Majorca and Ibiza.

Port Mahon has one of the world's finest natural harbours, and not surprisingly that astute sailor, Nelson, used it as a base during the Napoleonic wars. His house still stands overlooking the harbour, one of many reminders

that this island was once under British control. Try the local gin, still produced to a recipe dating from that time. Slightly sweet by today's taste, but at only 45 pence a bottle a worthwhile present to bring home!

Minorca has more than its fair share of fine, sandy beaches—Cala Galdana, Cala'n Porter and Arenal d'en Castell are just three of them. Your visit to Minorca is incomplete without a visit to the old capital, Ciutadella, at the opposite end of the island to Mahon. No inkling here of Georgian England—very Spanish narrow streets, squares lined with palaces built by noble families fleeing from persecution on the mainland, and more than a touch of Arab influence in the architecture.

Three different islands, offering everything from flamenco to old-style gin. Each offers value for money in terms of a winter holiday. Even without the sun, a week there for £25 would still be a bargain!

Mending fishing nets at

Holiday Roundup

WITH WINTER ROUND THE corner now is the time for the winter sunshine enthusiast to plan that late-year escapist holiday. Until a few years ago the two-holiday-a-year family was a rarity because of the high costs involved. Fast jets and low-cost package tours have changed the travel picture dramatically.

The winter holidaymaker has three choices—land-based tours, cruises and skiing. Unless money is really no problem the package holiday is the way to go. Booking independently has fewer advantages today. Many packages are now on scheduled flights. And if you want to avoid charter flights you can always pay a little more to travel on the aircraft of your choice and still benefit from the lower group hotel rates negotiated by tour operators.

Cruise holidays have always been a package, with everything, including entertainment, covered by the price. Now there is a great range of inclusive land tours to practically every winter sunshine holiday area and ski resort.

A number of tour companies specialise in European ski holidays. France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, the Scandinavian countries and Spain are among the winter sports areas available through packages. And many prices are down this year.

BEA and SAS have, for example, cut their inclusive holiday fares to Norway and are marketing their own all-in ski holidays, prices ranging from £48 half-board for eight days. And flights on these tours, operating through the airlines' own "Sovereign Holidays," are not on charters but on scheduled Trident services. Travelling by sea with Fred Olsen Lines you can have a 13-day ski holiday (nine nights at the resort) in eastern Norway for £48-50 full board.

Air France is co-operating in package arrangements to many French ski resorts, some of them appearing in the brochures for the first time. And Swissair has a batch of winter holidays in Switzerland.

The choice of ordinary packages is even greater. The Mediterranean region normally has short, comparatively mild winters and inclusive tours to that area may be suitable for those who don't specially want hot sunshine, just a break from the rigours of the north European winter. You can take your pick from the southern coasts of Spain, Portugal and France, Gibraltar, Greece and Mediterranean islands like Cyprus, Malta, Corsica, Sardinia and the Balearics.

Whereas holiday rates in hot

sunshine areas like the

bean are at their peak in winter, prices are cheaper in southern Spain and the south of the year. Africa and Australia are some areas this winter be fantastically low, but from the £10 weekend in Majorca and the £25 week package to Greece.

Another tempting age enables you to week at four-star hotels French Riviera resorts including jet fare and breakfast. There are also escapee week-ends to West European capitals.

Those seeking beach-lazing holiday to their summer sunbathers to go further afield, in cases to areas which are booked between October and April. The Canaries, Madeira come into category.

DAVID PEL

Israel, also in great will be high on the list of winter sunshine seekers. On the Red Sea, Tiberias, Galilee, and Sharm el Sheikh, the developing little resort on the southernmost tip of Sinai Peninsula all pleasant winter climates. If you can, late October and spring (which are peak periods and heavily booked).

For almost guaranteed sunshine you can select attractive holiday areas in Australia, South Africa, East African territories, Kenya and Uganda, and exciting Caribbean islands Barbados, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Grenada.

Long-distance travel poses difficulties for those ing kosher facilities. Western Europe is not much of a problem as hotels in some countries are open at this time of year and a number of European cities have kosher restaurants. However, in winter areas outside Europe are comparatively few, except in But there are some kosher hotels in Miami and you can also find facilities in places like Africa and Australia.

One should not overlook the many fine hotels in Bournemouth and other British resorts. The ideal for those who want winter break without travel.

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Canaries

BARBARA CLEGG

1730, have by sheer tenacity grown wheat, maize, tomatoes and grapes for wine in black dust spread over hard lava rock. In the coldest month, March, the mean temperature is 60 degrees F., and although the wind blows a little, it is a warm wind and welcome in summer.

The island's charm grows on you. You can be driving through a desert of black lava in strong sun when suddenly, over a hill, you come to a splendid oasis of flowers, a few palms, diving swallows and

even a golden beach. You climb a mountain on a rough pitted road and suddenly below is a magnificent view of lush fields and gardens made by man.

There are three modern hotels on Lanzarote, including a new one by a golden beach at Los Pioneros, which is an oasis among gardens and trees, with swimming-pools for adults and children and a tennis court. The food is excellent and two tour operators (Kuoni and Lord) do package tours at just over £100. There are also charming bungalows in the hotel grounds which, on a demi-pension basis by British Caledonian, Kuoni offer for from £81 for a fortnight.

You can reach Lanzarote by a smaller local aircraft from Grand Canary and Tenerife. Puerto de la Cruz on Tenerife used to be lovable but scruffy. It is now sophisticated and a bit crowded and built up, and the cave-houses just outside which were once slum dwellings are now used as week-end retreats by the local people.

But the Hotel San Felipe is as magnificent as ever, and this and the Reina Isabel hotel on Grand Canary, with its beautiful rooftop pool, are two of the best hotels for luxury service and food on Spanish soil. I have stayed recently in both and they were almost impeccable.

I prefer to get away now from the crowds to the new resort of El Medano, on the south coast of Tenerife, or to the village of Los Cristianos on a bay of grey volcanic sand

reached by a new motorway in 14 hours from Santa Cruz airport. Cristianos has two good new hotels. I like the Moreque, belonging to the Melia chain, with a heated pool in the garden next to a fine restaurant and a nicely run disco.

Although it is a bigish capital city, Las Palmas has an unselfconscious charm which I like. You take it as it is, and personally I like it that way. I like its market, its variety of restaurants, its ambience of being a living city and not just a resort.

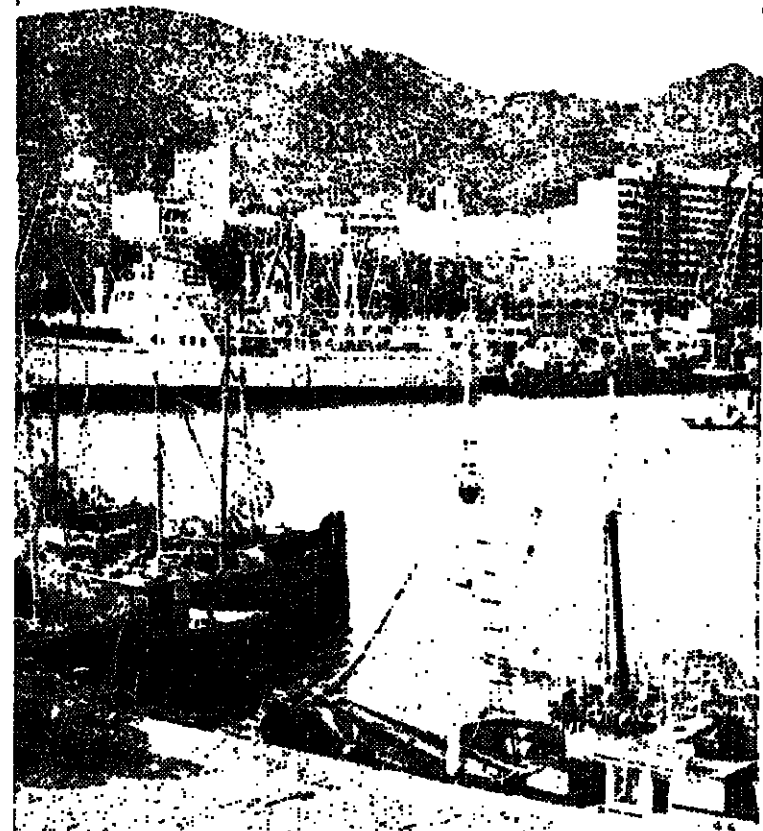
A new road to the south of Grand Canary has opened a whole new holiday area and, incidentally, a good area for buying a holiday or retirement villa at a fairly reasonable price. It is a land less lush,

more African, than the north, but there are splendid bays and beaches among palm trees and gardens, such as Maspalomas, on what looks like an endless white beach.

There is a Sun Club with excellent apartments which include a kitchen, but you can book a package which includes the apartment, breakfast brought to you and free local wine, and you can eat at the main hotel, the Oasis, or beach restaurant. I have stayed at the Oasis, and it is a genuine five-star hotel—one of Spain's best.

Incidentally, on Tenerife, there are 15 Jewish families living in the island capital of Santa Cruz. If you want information contact Jacques Bencherit, Calle Castillo 45.

The harbour at Santa Cruz, Tenerife



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Winter Sports

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THE KULM HOTEL IN ST. Moritz is the headquarters of the Cresta Club. But even this shrine of dedicated skiers and bobbers has just added a heated swimming-pool, finally admitting that you don't even have to pretend to ski these days—you can confess to going winter sporting for the sun and fun.

Package tours have revolutionised winter sports. People who would not dream of using packages in summer take their families on winter sport package tours not only to save money but the trouble of organising hotels, ski equipment and instruction, and a third do not intend to ski at all. They walk, sunbathe, perhaps skate, and laze around watching skiers making colourful patterns in the snow until the evening dancing and parties begin. There is now a Non-ski Club for people "who prefer to conserve their energy for important things, like the nightly rave-up which skiers insist upon calling Après Ski and are usually too tired to join in."

France has become the refuge of fanatical skiers—Tignes, for instance, the highest resort in the Savoy Alps, where you can ski until early summer on a 13,000 foot glacier; but even Tignes has a heated pool, and Megève has become a St. Tropez of the Alps, with casinos, discos, gourmet restaurants, jet-set night clubs and jet-set prices. Italy is taking over for the family skiers who want more gentle entertainment afterwards.

Ski-bobbing is the new sport of non-skiers. From an office desk, with no torturing pre-ski exercises, you can learn in two or three hours. You sit astride a sort of low bicycle with skis instead of wheels, and have short skis with claws as brakes on your boots. You just slide down the mountain, turning to avoid things, and basic lessons are mostly on how to take the machine up the lifts and rules on avoiding skidding down skiers.

Overweight, out of condition and limping from old wounds, I took a ski bob up a mountain with no teaching, found myself doing 50 mph at a church wall, somehow hung on, and, when my courage returned, I was hooked on this new sport. Experts do 105 mph, jump ravines, and slalom between forest trees, but 40 mph will give you plenty of fun and stop you feeling out of it while the family sweat it out at ski school. Three lessons is enough to go solo.

Living in Italy, I border from the Swiss side, is a good place. After a little practice, take a modern cable car with room in the cabin and the machine, in a probably high run, has unique advantages. To the winter until now, now joined to Switzerland, is a charming resort, but a duty free area, but a bottle of Scotch whisky in the supermarket, and perfume, and leather.

There is one good-class hotel, the life is just down the road. The nearby bars are a charming little heated pool fed by thermal springs and is good, but better off near by at the change of Santa Caterina, a beginners slopes and a pistes.

Other good Italian good nursery slopes and entertainment who Madesimo, within reach of Moritz, Macugnaga, lages with cheap evening and international Brunico in the Dolomites, perfect skiing, and lively resort in the lovely surroundings to save at least £70 on becoming famous and sophisticated.

Over in Switzerland many splendid resorts the Swiss have been keep to themselves. I include Savognin, a beautiful village in the Upper Engadine, and two discovered by defatigable searchers ski spots, Erna, reached by train from a relaxed little paradise, excellent children's facilities. Les Diablerets, reached by Geneva, with a good ten and baby-sitting.

Princess Anne and Charles found a hideaway in Liechtenstein, Malbun, a tiny village lovely open views, up at the top of the mountain, and a mile-long gentle to raise the hearts of the timid beginners. But only 200 beds in the

In Norway, I find, pick the well-known, such as Voss, Gell, lehammer unless you are absolutely dedicated. They are all great.

Ski-ing is booming of the Pyrenees, and gregarious people. Mediterranean have a hotel at Superbagner, French side. There are package tours to the country of Andorra, you have to go by your hotel to the and on the Spanish are package tours to and Salient, taking low Spanish hotel entertainment prices. Upman holiday is the Spain—ski-ing in the Nevada, 20 miles from and sunbathing on the del Sol at Marbella.

Package ski holidays cheap that they have dreads of thousands of people who could previously have dreamed of sporting. A week by full board at Livigno, stance, is being offered and a week in Spain sons for £24.60, but new way of getting package rates even hotels in top resorts such as Davos, Gell, and St. Moritz. Advantage of new cut-price fares, BEA's Sovereign offer cut-price scheduled air service Carlton Hotel in St.

South Africa

REG BUTLER

AFRICA HAS COME the package-holiday busi- while most winter-sunshine have pitched hard for tourism, South Africa played it cautiously. Feb- to August, the mini- 46-day excursion London to Johannesburg, £221.35 by BOAC or The remaining have more to the sun-seeking trav- the minimum is a 90-day one costing £270-35.

If you travel on fixed and return dates, the sum cost is £172 for 24-day, £12 for 31-day. These mini- package prices would in- breakfast and dinner at a guest-house in the higher-grade accommoda- tion, the package-tour and international Brunico in the Dolomites, perfect skiing, and lively resort in the lovely surroundings to save at least £70 on becoming famous and sophisticated.

Johannesburg is South Africa's principal business centre, and is certainly the richest city in Africa. Over 60 major mines are spread in a golden arc 350 miles long, sweeping round the northern suburbs of Johannesburg. For permits to visit underground, contact the Chamber of Mines about eight weeks ahead.

White affluence is every- where. Seen from the air, rich garden suburbs glitter with

policy decision that the Major- can style of mass holiday-mak- ing will never be permitted. For the immediate future, there's no possibility of escap- ing to a winter-sunshine South African holiday unless you can afford £200 upwards for the trip.

The lowest-cost packages are those with least transport in South Africa: namely, to Johan- nesburg. But, quite frankly, Johannesburg is not a suitable choice for your entire holiday, unless you're mainly visiting friends and relatives.

Johannesburg has the biggest proportion of South Africa's 110,000 Jewish community. Many of Amsterdam's pre-war Jewish community resettled in Johannesburg, especially in the diamond-cutting business. A Jewish museum is located on the fourth floor of Sheffeld House. Nucleus of the collec- tion is ceremonial silver looted by the Nazis, and later restored to Jewish hands.

White affluence is every- where. Seen from the air, rich garden suburbs glitter with

swimming-pools — the most cherished status symbol in a parched plateau of acute water shortage. Nearer the city centre, towering blocks of apartments dominate the sky- line.

On a sightseeing itinerary, reckon two days in Johannes- burg, plus time for a side-trip to Pretoria, only 36 miles away. Numerous trains and buses connect the two cities. When Johannesburgers want to escape to the seaside, they go especially to Durban, on the Natal coast, only 60 minutes' flight away. Splendid modern blocks of flats, holiday apartments and hotels line the Marine Parade. During recent times, excellent new hotels have been built by rival financial groups, and standards can now compare favourably with anywhere else in the world. (All hotels in South Africa are officially graded, in line with accepted international standards.)

Durban is Southern Africa's leading seaside resort, with gorgeous golden beaches, good sailing and fishing, and bright night-life. Within easy drive are good sightseeing possibilities, and the game reserves of Natal, with the chance of seeing Zulu tribal dancing.

Durban's most fascinating tourist sight is the Ocean Aquarium. Sand-sharks skim the marine bottom with their sleek bellies, but larger sharks are segregated in a separate tank. When they curl their lips to sneer at you through the porthole, you get a dentist's-eye view of their savage rows of teeth.

After Durban, the Sea Point district of Cape Town is South Africa's most popular seaside resort, with considerable hotel-building in the past year or two.

Cape Town has the longest history of Jewish settlement, with an organised community dating from 1841. The twin towers of the Great Synagogue are among Cape Town's most prominent landmarks, standing out across the Botanic Gardens with Table Mountain in the background. Adjoining the Synagogue is a Jewish museum.

On a package-holiday basis, you can pick two-centre and three-centre holidays that link the three basic corner-stones of South African tourism: Jo'burg, Durban and Cape Town. At additional cost, scenic coach tours and game parks can be included in the itinerary, with package prices that total £300 up.

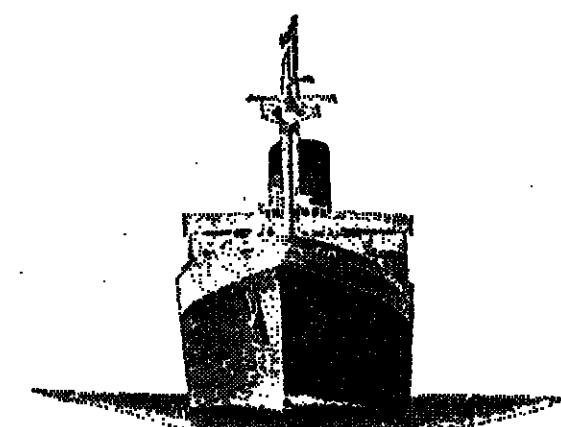
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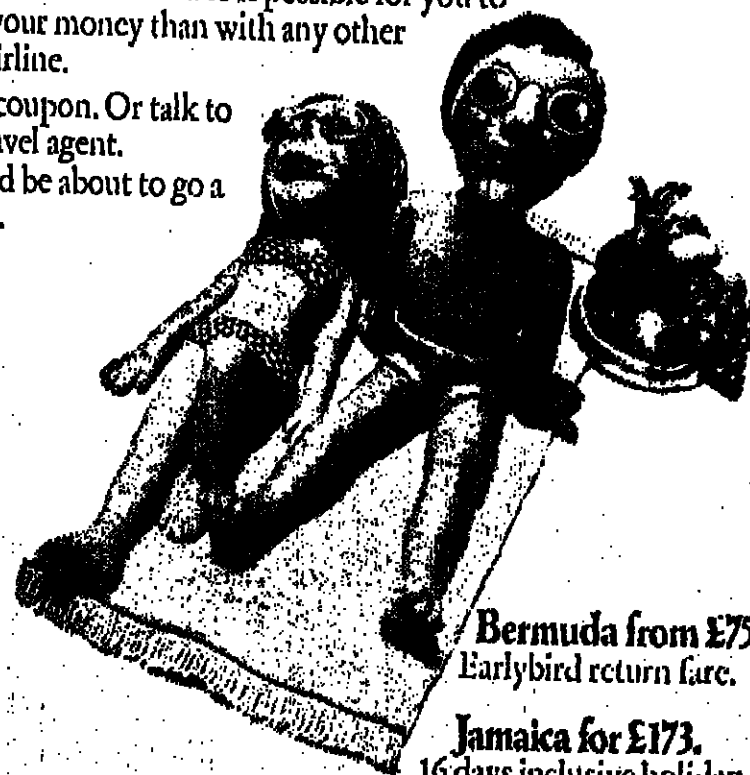


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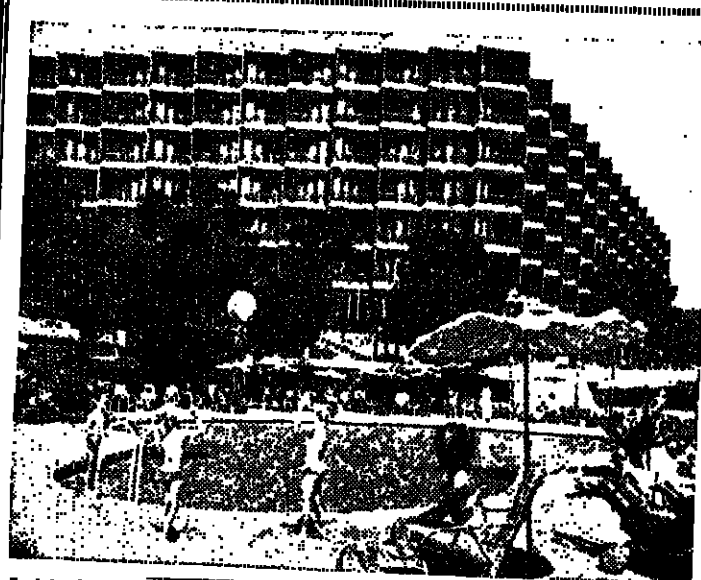
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JANET MARCH-PENNEY

IF SHARPENING WINDS AND falling leaves turn your thoughts to warmth and sun you'll find them in Portugal on the south coast beaches and forested hills of the Algarve.

Whether you descend through the fertile wheatfields, past the striped red boles of cork oak forests to the most south-western point of Europe—Cape St. Vincent—or cross the Rio Guadiana to the Spanish frontier is your choice. This southernmost province of Portugal, bright with flowers most of the year offers one of the best winter climates in Europe. In January it is a white-dust of almond blossom, and the air is perfumed for many months with the pungent scent of lemon and orange blossoms.

Once the Algarve swarmed with Phoenicians, Greeks, Visigoths and Romans. The Moors left their imprint in the distinctive white, pink and yellow houses, the water wheels and irrigation of the fruit groves. They welcomed Jews and encouraged cultured and studious monks.

Vila Real de Santo Antonio on the frontier is the place where sunnyfish shoals are netted in summer. Monte Gordo with its flourishing hotels, pine woods, smart shops and gay discotheques is very popular. Farther west is the old village of Tavira and Olhao picturesque with its cubist buildings and beach. Inland at the foot of the Sierras de Caldeira lies San Bras de Alportal with its pousada (under £1 for room with bath, and about £2 full board) in the midst of lovely scenery.

Faro, capital of the Algarve, is the heart of the fig and almond trade, bustling, full of museums, churches, a waterski school and beaches. Near by is Milreu with

its ruins of a Roman spa. Olhos d'Agua holds fish auctions within reach of its charming beach carved from sunny pine-tipped rocks.

Albufeira is particularly popular with the young, perched as it is on a cliff above a delightful secluded harbour. Though Portugal has a minute Jewish community, mostly settled in the north, there is a restaurant, The Esplanade, on Rua B in Albufeira which is happy to prepare fish or egg meals on request for Jewish visitors.

Three good golf courses are situated in the centre of the province at Vale de Lobo and Vila Moura in the Faro region, the other near Portimao. Continuing west is the old Phoenician fishing village of Armazao de Pera where there are two four-star hotels and two three-star pensions.

With Portimao and Praia da Rocha the Windward Coast begins. Here the coloured rocks, grottoes and beaches are flanked with many large, busy hotels open the year round. Inland are some delightful hill villages and up toward the Sierra is Monchique, an ancient Roman spa where gastro-intestinal and rheumatic diseases are still treated. The views, wild flowers, mimosa, cypress and arbutus trees, and chestnut forests are a welcome change from the seaside.

The beach of Lagos stretches for miles and in the town the old church, palace and sea promenade, sixteenth-century aqueduct and restaurants, its November Fair are of considerable attraction. When I first saw Praia da Luz it was quiet, untouched, with a few fine villas, hovering on the brink of the expansion which has now arrived. Sagres and Cape St. Vincent terminate the bay at 200-foot cliffs hanging over this stretch

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Men and boats at Tiberias

of water well known for shark, tunny and swordfish. There are said to be to be hunted in the Fousada do Infante, the gon das Descobertas (with bath), and various accommodations make it popular. The good beach and the remains of Henry's School of Navigation for exploration.

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Hunting for coral near Elath. In the background ancient fortress island—a favourite stop-off for tourists

Israel

RUTH JORDAN

second or third century CE. The ruins are sculpted with palm trees, grapes, eagles and the seven-branched candelabrum, the menorah, which has since become the symbol of the State of Israel.

For those who like to get the maximum wear out of their swimsuits, there is no better place than Elath, the swimming resort for sun-worshippers, or Sharm-el-Sheikh, the southernmost outpost on the shores of the Red Sea. Both can be reached either by road or by air.

Elath, with its 15,000-strong population, is well provided with luxury hotels, bungalows, pensions and even youth hostels, while its wide beaches

offer a free outdoor accommodation to hosts of long-haired youths from all over the world. Skin-diving is a popular sport, and there is a fleet of glass-bottomed boats which can be hired by the hour and offer a unique opportunity to explore the marine underworld of coral and tropical fish in what amounts to armchair comfort. Winter temperatures are high in the seventies, and the rain is supposed to come down only once a month.

Once you have acquired the right shade of tan—and the Elath tan is immediately recognisable by its soft brownness—you might turn your attention to sight-seeing. There is a choice of excursions into the

put the big resort noises behind them. The caravan hotel on the beach offers resourceful accommodation and good food. There are changing-huts on the beach and much-needed sunbeds. When strolling along the soft sand you might chance on some fine corals and sea-shells, but you must not dream of taking them home as a souvenir. Brigadier Avraham Yaffe, once a war-hero and now chief of the Israel Nature Reserves Authority, has had notices displayed all along the beach, begging you to leave nature unmolested.

A good idea is to take an excursion to the ancient monastery of St Catherine on Mount Sinai. Because it is quite far from either Sharm-el-Sheikh or Elath, the monks allow visitors to spend the night in their guest-rooms and prepare their food for them. In mid-February I found the six-bedded dormitory adequately warm, though I regretted the lack of hot water. While in the monastery you will be taken to the Skull Room, where bones and skulls of previous inmates are stored after a lengthy period of interment. My own preference was for the library, which boasts a unique collection of ancient manuscripts kept under lock and key.

A mild winter day is certainly the right time of year to attempt the strenuous climb to the top of Mount Sinai, where a magnificent view spreads out in every direction. Part of the climb might be done on camel-back, with an Arab youngster firmly controlling its steps. On the way back you find yourself gingerly walking down some nine hundred uneven rock steps.

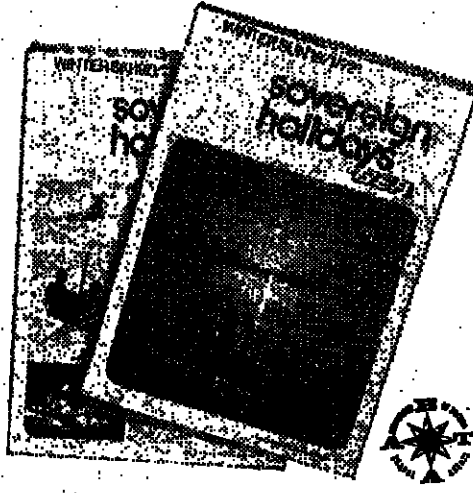
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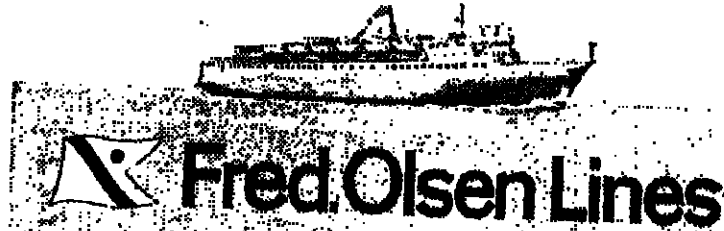
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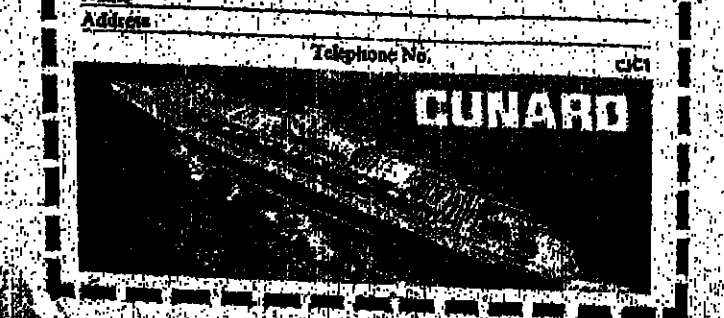
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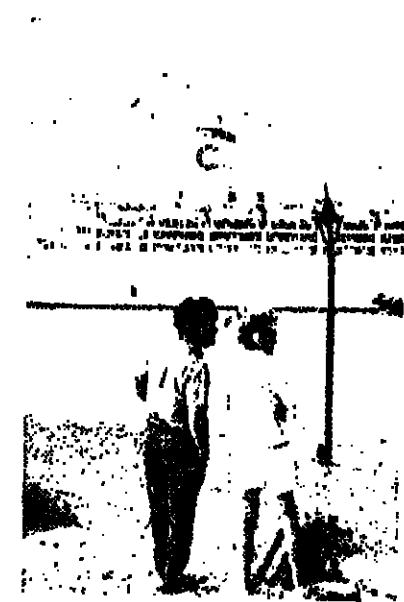
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Cruising Jamaica

DAVID PELA

"GOOD MORNING. IT IS SEVEN o'clock and the outside temperature is now 84°F." This, in late November, is a typical loudspeaker awakening to a day on a Caribbean cruise. Through the cabin windows (modern sleek designs in ships don't have anything as restrictive to vision as portholes) another island harbour has appeared with its bay backed by hills and scatterings of white houses. Yesterday it was bustling Puerto Rico, today it is more peaceful St Thomas in the American Virgins.



Costa Line's Federico sailing out of Nassau harbour

Visiting the islands by ship, it is all so effortless and smooth; no struggling off planes, taking expensive long-distance taxi rides across rutted roads to hotels crumbing in the corrosion of the salty Caribbean air, at prices that blast apart a budget. Cruising is probably the ideal way of seeing this over-glassed holiday area. Very often Caribbean islands have little sightseeing or shopping facilities and meagre night-time entertainment to last the restless visitor over a two-week holiday; on a ship it all comes with you.

Inflated prices, political restlessness on some islands and slovenly service are factors that have led to a diminishing in the numbers of land visitors to the Caribbean.

From Britain, more lines like Cunard, French Line and P & O, are providing fly/cruise facilities. Even so, lengthy cruises are sometimes not the solution. What seems to be the coming trend are regular, weekly cruises out of ports like Miami on small 10,000-ton ships carrying around 6,700 people. Four or five ships like this leave Miami every week for the Caribbean area. BOAC are providing inclusive rates so British can join these cruises; and with cabotage fares through Nassau or St Lucia air rates can be lowered.

The variety of possibilities is infinite. The visitor can have a week's holiday in Miami or Florida and then a week's cruise or take a two-week sea tour of the islands or two consecutive cruises on different ships.

The European must realise that these cruises are predominantly American. However, this makes social life more re-

laxed and friendly and with the hot weather starting right from Miami maximum poolside relaxation is possible. The ships are of Norwegian ownership with Norwegian officers.

I recently sailed on Norwegian Caribbean Line's Skyward from Miami to Haiti, Puerto Rico, and St Thomas. This ship, typical of the line, has a sleek, compact design. The cabins, though small, were practical and pretty with a three-quarter size bed that for one was most comfortable; and a very modern shower/toilet room.

Service, both in the cabins and dining-room was exceptionally good from the Bahamian and Jamaican crew. For birthdays, waiters carried firework-bedecked cakes to table in procession singing full voice Happy Birthday.

The happiness of the crew helped break down barriers among passengers and from the start the cruise was relaxed and amiable. The standard of entertainment was good; the inevitable bingo and horse-racing of course, but an excellent Italian dance group, steel band or conventional cabaret.

In Haiti, Skyward called at Cap Haitien rather than the capital Port au Prince. The sleepy little town has little to

offer beyond souvenir shops, ing carved wooden sandals, but the slightest breeze about lurches over polished metal, or the airfield at lined with hovels, around run black, long-roofed with wooden yokes, and ur-hins holding hands hopelessly for dollars.

The road leads to San Cristophe's palace where always near at hand is play as tourists wander through the forested mountains rising 7,000 ft.) through the forested mountains rising 7,000 ft.) to the peak where the king, who had a photo taken of Napoleon I in 1804, a vast fortress where the top of a volcanic peak is of housing 10,000 people.

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JAMAICA'S BREATHTAKING beauty becomes apparent as the BOAC jet begins its descent towards either of the island's international airports—Sangre de Cristo, perched on a slender natural breakwater south of Kingston, or the airfield at Montego Bay.

It is an island of perpetual summer, with hot sunshine all the year, though the tropical vegetation in places that, like most Caribbean countries, it gets a fair amount of rainfall, the wettest months being May and October. Most of the time it is broken by showers and temperatures at sea-level hover between 70°F and 90°F. It is more hardy (take mules for nine-hour trek up rough mountains rising 7,000 ft.) than the other hill regions.

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northern coastal area, stretching from Montego Bay in the west to Port Antonio (made famous by Errol Flynn) in the east. Montego Bay, once a sugar and banana centre, is now Jamaica's second largest town and one of the most popular resort regions in the Caribbean.

Eastwards along the coast, between Montego Bay and Ocho Rios, is the developing resort of Runaway Bay, named after the Spanish generals who fled from the area on the approach of the British invasion force. Runaway Bay boasts good-class hotels, a large villa colony, country club and a splendid 18-hole championship golf course.

Ocho Rios, one of Jamaica's most beautiful holiday areas, is perhaps more appealing than Montego Bay. Apart from being less hectic it is close to Dunn's River Falls, where you can splash your way up the 800-foot waterfalls cascading on to the Caribbean beach.

Port Antonio, has great beauty and charm and the reputation of being one of the best fishing areas in the world. Although not a tourist centre, Kingston, the capital, is worth a short visit. Pleasantly situated at the foothills of the Blue Mountains it is now undergoing a major facelift. The smart suburb of New Kingston boasts a fine resort-type hotel, the Sheraton, with pool, recreational and entertainment facilities. Another good hotel near by is the Skyline. And the Pegasus, being built jointly in New Kingston by BOAC and Trust Houses Forte International, will be ready next year.

BOAC, with frequent flights to both Montego Bay and Kingston, is very much involved in promoting tourism to the island and is offering 16 days inclusive at Montego Bay from £173, with travel by scheduled Boeing 707.

The British charter market is also about to be extended to Jamaica. Thomson Sky Tours will offer comparatively low-

priced two-week packages to this high-cost area from May. It will use two hotels in Montego Bay, the other (Shaw Park) in Ocho Rios. Prices will be from £145, but at certain periods there will be a £16 rebate for hotel extras, car hire, etc.

The independent traveller has the choice of a large number of top-class resort hotels, some of which are mentioned below. A complete list is available at the Jamaica Tourist Board (6 Bruton Street, London, W.1). Prices generally are lower in summer.

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MONTGO BAY: Half Moon, excellent hotel named after its curving beach; Round Hill, splendidly situated; Bay Roc; Royal Caribbean, and Montego Beach.

Frenchman's Cove, at Port Antonio, is a hideaway for millionaires with reputedly the highest-price accommodation in Jamaica. Guests stay in fully-staffed houses or apartments in lovely grounds. For about £50 a day (less in summer) you get the full treatment—drinks, trips, even use of aircraft being included in the price.

Jamaica has a lively Jewish community of about 600 whose role in the island's public life and business affairs is out of all proportion to its size. They are prominent in the administration (Mr Neville Ashenheim is the Government's spokesman in the Senate) and in municipal affairs (Mr Eli Matalon is the Mayor of Kingston) and are well integrated in Jamaica's multi-racial society. Most Jews now live in Kingston which has a handsome synagogue. If you visit Jamaica the minister, Rabbi Bernard Hooker, will be glad to welcome you.

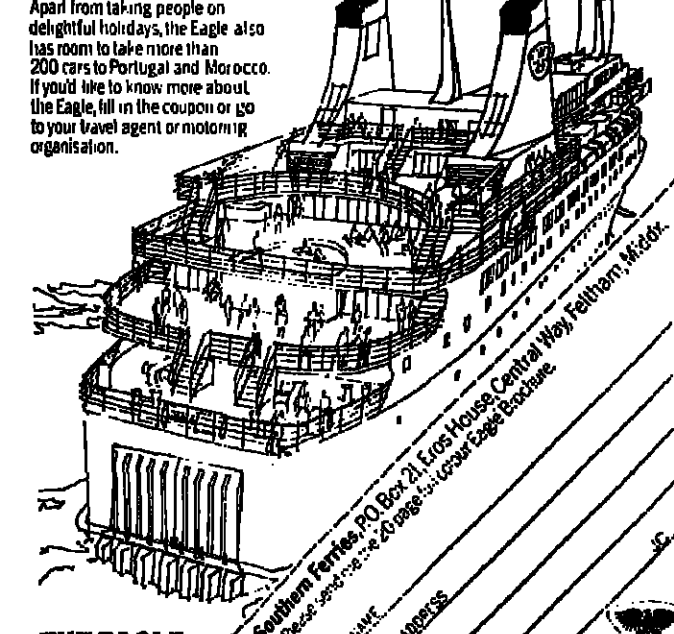
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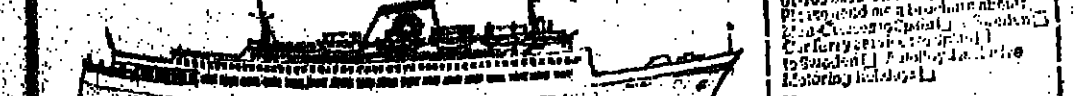
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service and, with the aid of the scheduled airlines and its own promotional efforts, is in a position to give individual attention to clients' holiday arrangements.

Montague Shaw (Travel) Ltd, 44 Marylebone High St, W1 (01-436 8878 and 7844). Pearl and Monty Shaw have just returned from Cyprus and report that many of the new hotels are now nearing completion and will be included in Montague Shaw's brochure for 1972. They say that the Grecian Hotel at Famagusta, situated directly on the beach, is the friendliest and one of the most comfortable resort hotels on the island. The Shaws found the staff most helpful in trying to offer an adequate diet/vegetarian diet.

Sheraton-Tel Aviv Hotel, Israel. The Sheraton-Tel Aviv Hotel, overlooking the Mediterranean and only minutes away from the city's business district, is now fully operational with its new wing of 130 spacious rooms, which include also 10 luxurious duplex suites. All rooms are equipped with double and single beds and bath and have panoramic sea view. Its highly qualified staff is under the management of Glenn Brewer. Its excellent facilities include swimming-pool, sandy beach, health club, sunning, Turkish bath, Mediterranean dining-room, Moroccan Grill Room and Magic Carpet Night Club.

Slade Travel Agency, 397 Hendon Way, NW4 (01-202 0114). Slade is offering a variety of 1972 holidays as far afield as East Africa, South America and to Miami. For Passover special tours are being arranged to Miami with accommodation at the Carillon Hotel, Seder service being held at a near-by hotel. Israel is an important area to Slade and it has arrangements for group departures almost daily from both London and the provinces. Slade has accommodation during the Christmas period at hotels like the Victoria and Fenix in Palma and the Mella Dun Pepo in Marbella.

South African Airways, 261-9 Regent St, W1 (reservations: 01-734 8841). Offices in Birmingham (021-643 8841), Manchester (061-934 4800), and Glasgow (041-221 9939). SAA's luxurious Boeing jets fly 32 times a week between Europe and South Africa. On Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, SAA operates 14-hour flights from London to Johannesburg. Visitors who spend 17 to 46 days in South Africa benefit from fare reductions between January 1 and July 31. Special low inclusive tour rates for air-in scheduled jet air travel, plus hotels, etc., are in operation. SAA provides a comprehensive network of services in the southern hemisphere linking London with South Africa, Australia, South America and the USA. Kosher food is available.

South African Friends of England, 54 Strole Rd, NW10 (01-459 3547). Dr Baran, a young South African dentist, hit on the idea of forming an organisation whose aim would be to assist and encourage communication between people of British and their relatives in South Africa. He and a few friends founded the South African Friends of England (SAFE) which helps thousands visit their families and friends. It also helps members in their people with whom they have lost contact.

Southern Ferries, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6DT (01-021 4000). Arundel Towers, Portland Torrance, Southampton SO9 4AK (0703 33131). Southern Ferries provide weekly sailings from Southampton to Lisbon and Tangle in the new 11,500-ton luxury vessel Eagle which can accommodate 160 passengers and over 200 cars. Every cabin has its own bathroom. Cruise-liner features such as carpeting throughout, swimming-pool and choice of restaurants are to be found on board. Standard single fares to Lisbon and Tangle start at £25 and £37 respectively, meals included; a six-day mini-cruise to Tangle and back, with two calls at Lisbon, may be had for £48. A six-day trip with two nights in Lisbon including all meals and a tour of the city costs from £12.

Hotel Spinhola, Upper Ross St, Paceville, St. Julians, Malta. The Spinhola is a newly built medium-size family hotel with 22 twin-bedded rooms all with private bathroom, telephone and balcony. Situated in a quiet residential area, it overlooks the Dragonara Casino, the hub of Malta's night life. The cuisine caters for British residents and bar prices are moderate. The hotel offers excellent value; bed and breakfast is £1.25 per day and three-course meal £3.50.

Swedish Lloyd (UK) Ltd, Marlow Lane, Leyland, E3 1JF (01-699 3200). Swedish Lloyd, car ferry service which operates from Southampton to Bilbao offers motorists a cheap and relaxed way of getting their cars to the sun. Sailings once every four days from Southampton on the Patricia Aluminium slide far £12 off-peak season. With four fare-paying passengers cars go free in the off-peak season; cost is £1 in the peak period, any size vehicle.

The Travel Club, Station Rd, Uxbridge (01-835 0100). This company is probably the No. 1 operator in the Algarve. Founded by Harry Chandler in 1949, the company offers a highly personalised service. Its range of holidays covers

everything from deluxe villas such as the Puma in the Algarve. Colon is a village with large number of villas with private swimming pools. It offers one of the best value for money in the Algarve. The Puma is a 1200 sq ft villa with 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a large swimming pool and a private tennis court.

Trans World Airlines, 100 Strole Rd, NW10 (01-459 3547). TWA is one of the world's airlines with world-wide service. It offers one of the best value for money in the Algarve. The Puma is a 1200 sq ft villa with 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a large swimming pool and a private tennis court.

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1972 program, including bigger than 1971, including and Coralea. A choice of days is offered with special rates on Sundays. You can make advantage of an industry movement driving your own private programme is available. Mention to Marcellus, leading hotels plan to give a one- and two- night stay and even a package deal. The Sheraton Cap Cap is a new hotel in Coralea with many other hotels in the area.

Zim Israel Navigation Co, 100 Strole Rd, NW10 (01-459 3547). Zim is again offering a choice of "Mediterranean days" in 1972—on the voyage by ship and plane to Israel. By arrangement with Al, air-sea holidays of special fares will be available from London to Tel Aviv by ship to Marcellus and back to London by air or rail. For Zim's 1972 Passover celebration, the company is offering a special package deal.

Who is a Jew? dispute

The full-page advertisement appeared in your October 1 issue, regarding your readers to supply the protest of 120 Right-wing rabbis against a recent amendment of Israel's Law of Return. It has been reported that for the following reasons:

It would be easy. If it were an appropriate way of conducting a debate, to issue a declaration over the signature of the 60 Progressive rabbis would no doubt have been a debate, to issue a declaration over the signature of the 60 Progressive rabbis would no doubt have been a debate, to issue a declaration over the signature of the 60 Progressive rabbis would no doubt have been a debate.

use of the word halacha in the advertisement concerns two facts: that the halacha is a variety of interpretation; and that in the opinion of many Jews its sixteenth-century application is in much need of being brought up to date. It is also a fact that, Israel's rabbis (who, if the signatories of the advertisement had been the sole arbiters of Jewish status for the purposes of the Law of Return) have argued over a succession of episodes relating to Jewish status, halacha, mamzerut, etc., and that the proposed amendment threatens to bring Jewish status into the eyes of the world.

from promoting "the one Jewish people" and its "Jewishness" the proposed amendment existing divisions, sharpen present conflicts and endanger our people's future.

There is, however, some astonishment in this country at the "categorical denial" of Dr Jakobovits that he "intervened" in local communal affairs, particularly in matters associated with the local Beth Din.

The very basis of my article was his own letter which was featured in the Australian Jewish News of July 30. In that letter he laid down his "reconstruction proposals" and presented us with an ex cathedra ruling that whatever decision he reached on our "differences" must be accepted as "binding" on us all.

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NEWMAN ROSENTHAL, 10 Oulton Street, Cavendish, Victoria, Australia.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Syrian Jewry

Sir,—It is reliably reported that the Jewish communities of Damascus (2,000), Aleppo (1,000), and Qamishli (350), are being subjected to various forms of harassment, discrimination and restriction. They are forbidden to move beyond 15 miles from their homes without special permission. All their identification cards are marked in red ink Mousawi which means Jew.

Jews are under close surveillance by the secret police, and an unknown number have been arrested, tortured and held for ransom. Letters written or received by Jewish individuals must pass Syrian censorship. Jews may not read any newspaper, own a car, or have a telephone, while hostile Palestinian Arabs have been quartered in the Jewish neighbourhood of Aleppo and Damascus.

In Qamishli, the situation is more distressing. All Jews must report daily before an officer. Jewish cemeteries have been confiscated by the Syrian authorities to clear the way for a Government compound in Aleppo and for the new Airport of Damascus. Jews are denied bank credit or the collection of debts, barred from employment in some professions, and may not sell or otherwise dispose of their property.

There are frequent threats, stoning and other attacks on Jews, who live in constant fear for their lives and are prevented from emigrating.

The international community has a solemn duty to alleviate the plight of these unfortunate victims and to spare them further suffering by facilitating their evacuation from Syria as soon as possible.

J. STANBOULI, Secretary General, Committee for Rescue of Syrian Jewry, 1750 East 4th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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South Africa and Israel

Sir,—It would be unjust to the South African Jewish community to allow to pass unchallenged the vitriolic comment in your September 10 issue, by your columnist Gerald Kaufman, on South African Jewry's reactions to a few months ago when Israel was reported to have made a financial contribution to the Organisation of African Unity.

Many criticisms of that grant were voiced at the time in responsible quarters in Israel itself, and there are aspects of the matter that have not been cleared up even now. However, this does not deter Mr Kaufman, at a distance of 6,000 miles and relying on an article which appeared in "Patterns of Prejudice," from indicting the leadership of South African Jewry as "fearful collaborators... who repudiate the State of Israel in the vain hope of appeasing" the South African Government, and even from referring to us as "people of Sodom and Gomorrah."

One would have thought that this self-righteous columnist would have hesitated to indulge in this kind of unbridled invective if he had borne in mind the long and distinguished record of the South African Jewish community for staunch support of the Zionist movement and of Israel.

He might also have recalled the repeated affirmation by its leaders

of their duties and obligations in this regard, even at times when such affirmation was not welcome to the South African Government because of the critical attitude adopted by Israel towards South Africa's policies.

On a particular day in June, the South African press and radio splashed the news from New York that Israel had voted a sum of money in support of African "freedom movements." This was interpreted and explicitly stated by the press and radio to mean that Israel was supporting "terrorism" against South Africa.

Not unexpectedly, the Jewish leadership here was asked, and also considered it to be timely and important, to voice its reactions to these developments. Accordingly, the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and South African Zionist Federation in a joint statement declared:

"The South African Jewish community has great difficulty in accepting the report that a contribution of a substantial amount has been made by the Government of Israel to the O.A.U., for the purpose of furthering the so-called 'freedom movements.'"

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Admittedly, "freedom movements" and "terrorism" have different connotations, depending on the perspective from which they are viewed, and particularly whether one is on the side of the attacker or the attacked. Fortunately, as a result of the clarification by Israel of the true nature and purpose of the proposed grant to the O.A.U., this issue has been satisfactorily resolved, and normal good relations between the two countries have been restored. This unfortunate episode may now, we hope, be considered closed.

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RECORD PROFIT ACHIEVED

- Group profit was a record at £433,768 (£366,222).
- The value of goods exported amounted to £959,531.
- A final dividend of 12% is recommended making a total of 20% for the year.
- Current profits to date are in excess of comparable period last year.
- Further satisfactory improvement anticipated.

Extracted from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Jack Steinberg, at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 6th October, 1971.

Beautility

Record Profits

The Annual General Meeting of Beautility Limited is being held in London today. The following are points from the Accounts and extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Stuart Young, F.C.A., for the year ended 31st March 1971.

- * Pre-tax profits increased 20% to a record level of £786,936, and this is indicative of the benefits that our policies of expansion and diversification were planned to achieve.
- * A final dividend of 17% is recommended making a total for the year of 25% (1970—21%).
- * A comprehensive programme for the development of the group's surplus properties is to be put in hand. This new policy will have an important part to play in the future development of the group.
- * Demand for furniture and carpets in the first quarter of the current year has been strong and the government relaxations announced last July should further stimulate demand. The board looks forward to another record year in 1972.

	1971	1970
Profit before tax	786,936	653,846
Available for distribution	449,865	308,522
Dividends absorbed	318,350 (28%)	270,630 (21%)

CENTRAL AND DISTRICT PROPERTIES LIMITED

Future Viewed with Considerable Confidence

The profit available for distribution in respect of the year ended 31st March 1971 amounts to £1,269,000 compared with £1,200,000 for last year. In the U.K. alone, developments at March 1971 exceeded £24m. a record for the Company, a substantial part to be completed in the current year and the remainder by the end of 1974.

Overseas, the 728,000 sq. ft. Keystone Building in Boston, has been completed and a mortgage obtained for \$31m. which substantially covers the whole cost. A site in Sydney, Australia adjoining the financial centre has been acquired where the total development cost is estimated at \$A 12m.

Resulting from a change in policy to sell individual flats to tenants it is expected that the realization value of £6m. referred to last year will now exceed £12m.

A revaluation of all the Group's properties is under consideration. Benefits from completed developments and reversions, particularly this year and next year, give the Board considerable confidence for the future.

A final dividend of 6%, making 9.5% for the year compared with an equivalent of 8% last year, will be paid on 23rd October 1971.



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Increased Half Year Profits

INTERIM STATEMENT

The directors announce the following unaudited profit figures of Selincourt Limited and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 31st July, 1971.

	6 months to 31.7.71 (£'000)	6 months to 31.7.70 (£'000)
Group Trading Profit	811	851
Interest on Loan Stock, gross	82	99
Group Profit before Taxation	519	252
Taxation, estimated	200	90
Group Profit after Taxation	319	162
Minority Interests	7	2
Attributable to Members	£312	£160

The Group figures here presented for the half-way stage, brook well for the restoration in the full year to the results of the late 1960s. The improvement fairly represents the present strength of the Group following the consolidating measures taken over the past two years. The interim dividend has been raised to 7% (6% last time) and will be paid, less Income Tax, on 14th December, 1971, to Ordinary shareholders registered on 1st November, 1971.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Stock markets take a breather

By our City Editor

Against the backdrop of the vital International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington, stock markets in London have been taking a well-earned, albeit expensive, breather. The drive of recent weeks has gone, replaced by a persistent trickle of selling by City institutions that appears to be centred on the leading shares that make up the important barometer, the Financial Times Index.

Last week alone the index shed over 20 points but dealers are far from unhappy. Business is still fairly brisk and the basic undertone of the market is undoubtedly firm.

Undoubtedly part of the selling can be attributed to some investment managers releasing funds for the massive £120 million rights issue by BP. (The market expects a very warm response to the issue, incidentally.)

With the monetary situation now more stable than for some time it seems likely that the markets will return to a more positive stance.

Without the benefit of a contribution from new acquisitions, Halesbury Investment Trust and Regis Property, the British Land Company has still managed to chalk up a huge rise in annual profits. In the 12 months ended March 31, 1971, taxable profits jumped to close on £2 million at £1.94 million against £842,000 in

the previous eleven months. Tax requires £730,000 compared with £375,000 but the net profit is still well up at £1,200,000 against £467,000. As expected the final dividend is 6 per cent making 11 per cent compared with 10 per cent for the previous period—equal to 10.91 per cent on an annual basis.

The news underlines the merits of the shares which still look a useful investment in spite of their big following. Current price is 132½p.

A bumper package of higher sales, profits, dividends and a bonus share issue is the good news for shareholders of Rowntree Macintosh. The first 24 weeks of the present year has seen sales expand by just under £4 million to £55.1 million and pre-tax profits advanced to £2.04 million from £1.75 million. This performance, state the board, reflects the higher turnover, benefits from recent heavy capital expenditure and cost reduction programmes plus the virtual com-

pletion of the Rowntree Macintosh merger. But for shareholders performance means a halfpenny to 8 per cent in the dividend and a one-penny issue to be followed by a rise from £1 into 50p in the shares. Furthermore, the board is sufficiently confident to upgrade the forecast for original £7.5 million shares. This will not include an extra £350,000 "profit" on shares held in Bovril.

All in all this speaks of the shares which look a proposition at the current 62½p bid. The yield is 3.8%.

Even without the dividends of any new acquisitions, Mr. John Bentley is "another successful year" for the Barclay Securities. The company's profits are steadily rising. In the last 12 months Barclay's profits rose from £115,000 to £130,000, a 13% increase. Mr. Bentley, who is chairman, continued to generate growth. The company's profits for the year ended 31st March 1971 were £130,000, a 13% increase on the £115,000 of the previous year (1970—12%). and intend to recommend a final dividend of not less than 35%, making a total of not less than 50% for 1971.

Once again, these are record figures with all three divisions showing record sales, margins and profits. Recent acquisitions have been successfully integrated and new acquisitions are being negotiated. With no additions to the equity capital this year, through acquisitions, your Company is heading towards another successful year in which internally generated earnings and assets will again rise substantially.

The potential of all three divisions is as great as it has ever been. New opportunities in these areas present themselves at an increasing rate and your Company has ample resources to take advantage of these opportunities.

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BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Mr. D. S. Smith, chairman of David S. Smith, told shareholders at the annual meeting that with the most substantial order book in the group's history he viewed the future with "considerable confidence" than last year. The re-equipping of the factories, financed entirely from within the group's own resources, is now virtually complete.

From gross profit of £404,000 in 1970, Wingate Investments pushed net profits up by £32,000 to £153,000. For shareholders this means a final dividend of nine per cent to hold the total payment at 14 per cent. But a one-for-five scrip issue is proposed and the board plan to at least repeat the current dividend on the enlarged capital.

Although past-year profits at Elble slipped to £340,000 from a corresponding £389,000 the chairman, Mr. Samuel Price, remains optimistic. An indication of this is that the group is pressing ahead with its new 30,000 sq. ft. extension on the adjoining site and good progress on the development is reported.

Both profits and dividend are on target at Amalgamated Investment and Property. The final payment of 14 per cent adds five points to the total at 23 per cent on profits for the year to March 31 some £348,000 higher at £1.48 million.

Half-year figures from the reveal a substantial improvement in profitability with the year up to £510,000 from £250,000. Mr. R. P. Pugh, chairman, Mr. R. P. Pugh, said a further improvement in year figures to the level of the late 1960s.

Shareholders in Taylor & Francis are to receive a one-for-five scrip issue and the board expect year profits to exceed £100,000. Furthermore, the board see no reason why the 4-10-10 dividend should not be maintained on the enlarged capital.

Mr. Harry Howard, chairman of Ramar Textiles, delighted were he able to pay a "very profitable" future. However, he said that the first half of the year has been affected by group reorganisation and he is confident that the ending April, 1972, should show "great improvement."

Half-year results from Holdings shows a profit of more than £1.5 million. The chairman, Charles Clare, feels the outcome is largely due to the course of relief in the next few months. But he remains confident that attributable profits will show satisfactory improvement.

Barclay Securities Limited

INTERIM RESULTS 1971

RECORD HALF-YEAR FIGURES PROFITS INCREASE OF 163%

The unaudited profits of the Company for the six months ended 30 June, 1971 were as follows:

	1971	1970
Profits before taxation	£15,317	£10,000
Minority interests	333,600	139,500
Attributable profits after taxation	£472,417	£18,200

Extracts from the Statement by Mr. John Bentley, Chairman:

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ART

Modesty among masters

PETER STONE

Twelve Portraits is the modest title of an exhibition at the Broad Gallery. Nothing to suggest that three of them are by Tintoretto, three by Hals, two by Van Dyck and one by Rubens, and nearly all major works such as no private gallery has had on display for so long a time.

Take Tintoretto's three-quarter length portrait of a senator, which has formidable power with his black eyes, black beard and black robe standing by a window looking out on a broadly painted rocky riverscape. But really moving is his head of a bearded old man with veiled enigmatic eyes that has the compassion almost of a late Rembrandt self-portrait.

There is the same humanity in Hals' lightly painted portrait of a preacher. The tiny points of white impasto in the eyes give them a more than usual glimmer and one can imagine the face lighting up with fervour. His portrait of a lady has the beginning of a smile and his cavalier would be more welcome as a friend than an enemy, but these are both typical Italian tours de force of clean direct painting at his very best rather than characterisation.

Rubens' florid elderly man has prosperous burgher written all over him without any appendages to indicate wealth. Van Dyck's nobleman suffers by comparison with Tintoretto's senator for, brilliantly executed as it is, the pose is still artificial, and the black hat on the red tablecloth cannot be compared with the view through the window, though sepia tinted, as an offset to the figure. But his sketch of a young man turning sideways has all the freshness the finished portrait lacks.

Torbore, Bruyn the younger (a lively little portrait), Carolus

Duran (at his best with a gripping portrait of Toulouse-Lautrec), Hendrick Bloemart's charming girl with doves and a Dutch portrait that may be by Ochtervelt complete an exhibition that is quite an experience.

Ivor Weiss used to show at the handsome Orlana Gallery but now lives at Colchester and so has an equally lovely gallery on his doorstep, the Minories, where he is now showing Nabhi and Ritual and other works. He was brought up in a typical middle-class Jewish home, from which his career as an artist took him thousands of miles away.

Childhood memories

The memory of his upbringing has come forcefully back to him and what is extraordinary about these paintings of Al Chate, homage to the Torah, Davening Shabbos prayers, Kadish, Tefillin and Chasidic dance, is not the skill, which anyone who has seen his earlier works would expect, but their feeling, as if the religious life is still with him.

His still designs, draws and paints wool and he still has an individual spikiness. There are great areas of black and white, with lighted flesh tones solidly modelled with a few rapid strokes. There is great power with spiritual as well as physical weight. The bigness is more than the size. There is beauty in the painting of the still lifes, the vessels on the table-tops. There is something Flemish in the combination of flesh and spirit. His masterly Chasidic dance makes a strong and unusual pattern with intertwined feet and a great gap of light between two of the figures echoed by a smaller one between arm and body. He is worth the journey.

It could so easily have gone the other way. In this age of abstract and acrylic there might be no room for the traditional slow figure work in glazes that Josef Herman is devoted to. But his latest exhibition at Roland Browne & Delbanco is a successful as any.

It is obvious that his mannerisms and fishermen are repetitive, even contrived, a formula. But they live because he tells them, rather than sees them, experiences rather than observes, and identifies himself with them.

The dignity and solidarity of the manual worker, the day's work done and the sun setting in an afterglow of red and gold like a blast furnace, is monumentalised from countless loving impressions. They are always perfectly placed and there is one oil called "Family" that is formalised into a closed rhythmic composition that would satisfy as an abstract.

Occasionally he breaks from his popular subject-matter, as in a mother and child, a recumbent nude and his Greek goat, which have just as much feeling. Perhaps he could become wider in his vision without loss.

Anthony Caro, the father of modern spatial sculpture, is showing three of his latest works at the Kasmin Gallery. As usual he and his team have assembled them of pieces of factory-produced metal which they have welded and bolted together. Two are painted in jolly colours and the third gains by its rough steel finish. This one in particular has the awareness of a machine. It is an engineering feat of harmonious handsomeness.

Maazel for US

Lorin Maazel, associate principal conductor of the New Philharmonia Orchestra, has been appointed musical director of the Cleveland Orchestra, one of the five major orchestras in the USA. Mr. Maazel will continue with the New Philharmonia and as principal conductor of the Radio Symphony Orchestra of West Berlin. He will conduct the NPO on an American tour which begins on November 1.

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